

Town of Oak Bluffs



Annual Town Report

2012



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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS



For the Year Ending December 31, 2012

**With Which are Included the
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRINTING COMPANY

Continuing in our series of Town Report covers by local artists...

Judith Catlow Williamson, an “almost” Islander, earned a BA degree in textile design and has been a substitute teacher and art teacher in several of the Island schools, she has also owned boutiques and art galleries. Always willing to be involved in helping others, Judy has shared her art with Hospice, Community Services Possible Dreams Auction and Friends of Oak Bluffs. Her father helped inspire her philosophy, “When you have a gift it is to be shared” ...

IN MEMORIAM

We respectfully remember those citizens who gave of themselves and their talents to serve Oak Bluffs.

NELSON W. AMARAL

Fire Chief

Finance Committee

Gas Inspector

JANE P. VOTTA

Town Clerk

Selectman

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

ROBERT G. FORD

Conservation Commission

Council on Aging

Library Trustee

MILDRED M. FISHER

Librarian

ESTELLE B. SUPRENANT

Library Trustee

School Building Committee

ROBERT WEISS

Parking and Traffic Committee

2012

STATE OFFICIALS

U.S. Senator

Scott P. Brown
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
202-224-4543
2400 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203
617-565-3170

U.S. Senator

John F. Kerry
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2102
202-224-2742
One Bowdoin Square, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114
617-565-8519

Governor & Lieutenant Governor

Deval Patrick / Timothy P. Murray
State House, Boston, MA 02133
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617-727-4005
Goffice@state.ma.us

Treasurer

Steven Grossman
State House, Boston, MA 02133
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617-367-6900

Auditor

Suzanne M. Bump
State House, Boston, MA 02133
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Martha Coakley
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1518
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Secretary of State

William Francis Galvin
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1512
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617-727-7030

Representative in Congress for the 10th District

William R. Keating - Democrat
315 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515
202-225-3111
297 North St. Suite 312, Hyannis, MA 02061
508-771-0666

Senator in General Court, Cape & Islands District

Daniel A. Wolf - Democrat
State House, Boston, MA 02133
Room 413-E
617-722-1570

Representative in General Court Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District

Timothy R. Madden - Democrat
State House, Boston, MA 02133
Room 437
617-722-2425

County Commissioners

County Administrative Building
9 Airport Road, PO Box 190, Edgartown, MA 02539
508.696.3840

John S. Alley - West Tisbury (13)
Leslie Leland - West Tisbury (15)
Melinda Loberg - Tisbury (15)
Thomas Hallahan - Oak Bluffs (13)

Leonard Jason Jr. - Chilmark (13)
Tristan R. Israel - Tisbury (15)
Carlene Gating - Edgartown (15)

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Jesse B. Law II

2013

Members of the Board of Selectman

Gail M. Barmakian

2013

Michael J. Santoro

2014

Walter W. Vail

2014

Kathleen A. Burton, Chair

2015

Gregory Coogan

2015

Town Clerk

Deborah deB. Ratcliff

2014

Members of the Board of Health

David Caron

2013

Patricia Bergeron

2014

William White

2015

Park Commissioners

Richard Combra, Jr., Chair

2013

Amy K. Billings

2014

Allan A. deBettencourt

2015

Cemetery Commissioners

Linda Wilson

2013

John Victor Tiernan

2014

Jesse B. Law III

2015

Constables

George Warren

2013

David Oliveira

2013

Tree Warden

Joseph M. deBettencourt

2015

School Committee

Lisa Anne Reagan

2013

Priscilla L. Sylvia

2014

Kristine A. O'Brien

2015

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

Priscilla L. Sylvia

2013

Member of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

John Robert Breckenridge

2014

Finance and Advisory Committee

Robert Arthur Blyth, Jr.	2013
Catherine L. Goudy (Resigned)	2013
Bill McGrath	2013
Michael Taus (Appointed)	2013
William R. Alwardt	2014
Maura J. McGroarty	2014
Abraham L. Seiman	2014
Steven Auerbach, Chair	2015
Raymond Taylor	2015
John Boardman (Appointed)	2015

Planning Board

Marc K. Wallace	2013
John C. Bradford, Chairman	2014
Robert W. Fehl	2015
Erik Albert	2016
Kris W. Chvatal	2017

Wastewater Commission

Robert A. Iadicicco	2013
Gail M. Barmakian	2014
Hans von Steiger	2015

Water District Officers 2012

Moderator

Duncan Ross	2013
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Commissioners

Michael S. deBettencourt	2013
Raymond J. Moreis, Jr	2014
Kevin H. Johnson	2015

APPOINTMENTS

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

Town Administrator

Robert L. Whritenour, Jr.

February 12, 2017

Town Accountant

Arthur Gallagher

March 14, 2015

Assistant Town Accountant

Cindy Noyes

Open Ended

Affordable Housing Committee

John Boardman

June 30, 2014

John Bradford

June 30, 2014

Marie Doubleday

June 30, 2015

T. Ewell Hopkins

June 30, 2014

Abraham Seiman

June 30, 2014

Walter Vail

June 30, 2014

Animal Control Officer

Anthony BenDavid

Open Ended

Board of Assessors

Marie B. Allen

June 30, 2013

Melanie M. Bilodeau

June 30, 2014

Jesse B. Law, III

June 30, 2015

Building Inspector

James Dunn

June 30, 2014

Cape Light Compact

Richard Toole

June 30, 2014

Cape and Vineyard Electric Coop

Richard Toole

June 30, 2014

Capital Program Committee

Steven Auerbach

June 30, 2014

Mimi Davisson

June 30, 2014

Robert Fehl

June 30, 2014

Bill McGrath

June 30, 2014

John Newsom

June 30, 2014

James Westervelt

June 30, 2013

Community Development Council

Sally L. Appenzellar

Open Ended

Iona Pressley

Open Ended

Alison Shaw

Open Ended

Priscilla Sylvia

Open Ended

Richard Westcott

Open Ended

James Westervelt

Open Ended

Community Preservation Act Commission

Amy Billings

June 30, 2014

Stephen Durkee

June 30, 2015

Joan Hughes

June 30, 2014

Jevon Rego

June 30, 2015

Charles Rock	June 30, 2013
Abraham Seiman	June 30, 2015
Alison Shaw	June 30, 2014
James Westervelt	June 30, 2013
Adam Wilson	June 30, 2014

Conservation Commission

Terry Appenzeller	June 30, 2014
John Breckenridge	June 30, 2015
Helen Hinkle	June 30, 2014
Joan Hughes	June 30, 2013
Ronald Zentner	June 30, 2015

Copeland Plan District Review Board

Ronald DiOrio	Open Ended
Injy Farak Lew	Open Ended
Ann Margetson	Open Ended
Ronald H. Mechur	Open Ended
Robyn B. Nash	Open Ended
Kerry Scott	Open Ended
Judy Shemit	Open Ended
Patricia Wallace	Open Ended
David Wessling	Open Ended
Barbara Whitmore	Open Ended

Cottage City Historical Commission

Barbara Baskin	June 30, 2015
Kathleen A. Burton	June 30, 2014
Matthew Cramer	June 30, 2015
Shelley Christiansen, Alternate	June 30, 2014
Pamela Melrose	June 30, 2015
Philip Regan	June 30, 2015
Susan Thompson	
S. David Wilson	June 30, 2014
Alison Shaw, Alternate	June 30, 2015

Council on Aging

Karen Achille	June 30, 2013
Francis Bernard	June 30, 2014
Robert Blythe	June 30, 2014
Sandra Blythe	June 30, 2013
Jacqueline Hunt	June 30, 2014
Helen Scarborough, Alternate	June 30, 2014
Les Woodcock	June 30, 2014

Town Counsel

Ronald H. Rappaport	Open Ended
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Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

Harvey Beth	Open Ended
Peter Martell	June 30, 2013

Director of Emergency Management

Fire Chief

Gilbert Forend	June 30, 2013
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Fire Inspectors

Antone Ferreira	Open Ended
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Christopher Wiggin		Open Ended
James Moreis, Jr.		Open Ended
Gas Inspector		
Adam Mahoney		June 30, 2015
Harbor Advisory Committee		
Douglas A. Abdelnour, Jr.		June 30, 2015
John Breckenridge		June 30, 2013
Richard Combra		June 30, 2015
Jeffrey LaBell		June 30, 2015
Jason Lew		June 30, 2015
Thomas Norbury		June 30, 2015
David Pothier		June 30, 2013
Harbormaster		
Todd Alexander		Open Ended
Assistant Harbormaster		
David Grunden		Open Ended
Herring Run Committee		
David Grunden		Open Ended
Deacon Perrotta		Open Ended
Historical Committee		
Nicholas Catt		June 30, 2013
James L. Dearing		June 30, 2013
Joyce Dresser		June 30, 2013
Susan Gamble		June 30, 2013
Pamela Melrose		June 30, 2013
Alison Shaw		June 30, 2013
Susan E. Thompson		June 30, 2013
Island Housing Trust		
Marie Doubleday		June 30, 2014
Joint Transportation Committee		
Richard Combra, Jr.		Open Ended
Inspector of Wiring		
James Rogers		Open Ended
Library Board of Trustees		
Shelley Brown		June 30, 2013
Beatrice J. Green		June 30, 2015
Lloyd Henke		June 30, 2015
Robert Huss		June 30, 2015
Peter Palches		June 30, 2014
Ann Ross		June 30, 2014
Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority Port Council		
Robert V. Huss		December 31, 2014
Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Advisory Committee		
Polly Bassett		Open Ended
Richard F. Coutinho		Open Ended
Elizabeth Durkee		Open Ended
Robert Hammett		Open Ended

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

Alice Ryan Butler		June 30, 2014
MVTV, Board of Directors		
Bill McGrath		June 30, 2014
Personnel Board		
Robert Blythe		June 30, 2014
Gretchen Coleman-Thomas		June 30, 2014
James Klingensmith		June 30, 2015
John Lolley		June 30, 2014
Plumbing Inspector		
Charles Day, Jr.		June 30, 2015
Chief of Police		
Erik G. Blake		June 30, 2015
Board of Registrars		
Kathryn P. Collins		June 30, 2014
Deborah deB. Ratcliff		Open Ended
Margaret A. Stafursky		June 30, 2013
Shellfish Committee		
William Alwardt		June 30, 2014
Paul Humber		June 30, 2014
Fred Rick Huss		June 30, 2014
Mark G. Landers		June 30, 2014
Elizabeth Mansure		June 30, 2014
Shellfish Constable		
David W. Grunden		June 30, 2013
Sign Review Committee		
John Bradford		Open Ended
Richard Combra, Jr.		Open Ended
Alan J. Schweikert		Open Ended
Alison Shaw		Open Ended
Joseph Uranker		Open Ended
Town Treasurer		
Sharon Jackson		June 30, 2015
Veteran's Agent		
JoAnn Murphy		Open Ended
Zoning Board of Appeals		
Kris Chvatal		June 30, 2013
Michael Perry, Alternate		June 30, 2015
Joseph Re, Alternate		June 30, 2015
Andrea Rogers		June 30, 2015
Derek Tipton		June 30, 2014
George Warren		June 30, 2013

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

Citizen Committee and Board Opportunities

The Town encourages diverse citizen participation on board and commissions. Currently, the Board of Selectmen is seeking qualified, interested citizens to volunteer for vacancies on various committees. For example:

Affordable Housing Committee
Capital Program Committee
Community Preservation Committee
Conservation Commission
Cottage City Historic District
Council on Aging
Finance and Advisory Committee
Harbor Management Commission
Historical Commission
Library Trustees
Personnel Board
Roads and Byways Committee
Shellfish Committee
Sign Review Committee
Zoning Board of Appeals

Interested residents are encouraged to send a letter of interest outlining your background to the Town Administrator, Town of Oak Bluffs, P. O. Box 1327, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I am once again honored to report on the highlights of a year in the wonderful town of Oak Bluffs. As I contemplate the progress we have made as a town, I feel great pride and tremendous appreciation for all who contribute to our forward progress.

With conservative forecasting, budgeting and thoughtful choices we continue to improve our financial stability. I remain very appreciative of the efforts of our extremely talented town administrator, Bob Whitenour, our dedicated employees, volunteer board and committee members, a united Board of Selectmen and our citizens. We are all working together on a steady course forward to financial stability, positive free cash, and other major improvements.

In April, Greg Coogan and I were honored to be re-elected to the Board of Selectmen. Arthur Gallagher joined our financial team as our Town Accountant. We said farewell to Dianne Wilson as our Principal Assessor and Sarah Lolley as our Assistant Assessor. We welcomed David A. Bailey as our new Principal Assessor and Will Pfluger as Assistant Assessor. We were pleased to welcome Sondra Murphy as our Library Director. Sondra has served brilliantly as the interim Library Director.

It seems to me that major themes for 2011 were discovery, problem solving and recovery. To those continuing themes for 2012 I would add planning, prioritization and implementation.

One of my proudest accomplishments as a member of the Board is the first Strategic Plan of the Board of Selectmen. This Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan sets forth priorities, goals, visions, values and specific projects within the following categories: 1) Develop, Improve and Protect our Natural Resources, 2) Affordable Housing, 3) Improve Communications with Local Residents, 4) Cultural Development, 5) Stabilize and Improve our Financial Condition, 6) Organizational Improvements, 7) Increased Town Planning, 8) Increase Civic Pride, 9) Attention to Infrastructure, 10) Parking and Transportation Management, 11) Examine and Create Revenue Opportunities. The process through which this plan was

developed was creative, energizing, unifying and fun! This document will serve as a guiding principle when prioritizing, planning and implementing projects within the town.

Many of the projects within the Strategic Plan are currently in planning, engineering or implementation phases. Some include: A Harbor Fueling Facility, the repair of East Chop bluff, the study of nitrogen loading in our ponds and plans to reverse the effects, the examination of all public safety building needs including location and facilities, an area for off-site parking and a park and ride program, restore recreation areas and programs, etc. The Strategic plan is included in this annual town report for all to read.

One of the other highlights of the year is the creation of a six year Capital Improvement Program. I thank the Capital Program Committee, the Town Administrator and Department Heads for their hard work in creating this excellent program. The plan addresses maintenance of our infrastructure and equipment. One of the immediate results of this program was the approval at the last special town meeting of a short term bond to repair and replace multiple issues in our neglected town buildings. Also addressed are a variety of projects associated with town buildings, our natural resources, shellfish and wastewater plant improvements. Included in this thoughtful, well developed program is an analysis of our debt schedule and funding sources for the Capital Improvement Program. This is a great tool for all of us and especially for voters who can evaluate town meeting requests for project funding as they relate to the big picture and the debt schedule.

I would like to thank the Community Development Council (CDC)/Ad Hoc Finance Group for the countless hours they spent working with Department heads and representatives to analyze three of our most complex departments: Police, Emergency Services, and the Highway Department. Their task was to analyze these departments and services with an eye toward revenue enhancement and cost efficiencies. While the reports reveal no "smoking guns" they provide a transparent view of each department and include recommendations. These reports will be helpful now and in the future as we continue to

improve our financial position. They will be placed in the library and made available to the public.

In an effort to improve communications with local residents, I am excited to report that citizens who would like to receive communications from the town can now enter their email and address into the home page of the town website. These email and street addresses will be used to direct certain communications to all or some of our citizens based on the subject.

We continue efforts to study and reduce nitrogen in our precious coastal ponds. These issues are challenging, requiring collaboration between towns, the science to understand impact and improvements and the expense and complication of wastewater and sewer improvements.

I am happy to report that the fishing pier on the North Bluff is scheduled for construction soon and expected to be complete by this summer. This will be a wonderful benefit for all and especially our young who cherish their one morning fishing off the Steamship Authority dock. I'll never forget the excited and proud look on my now seventeen year old daughter's face as at a young age, she caught her first fish off that dock. This new fishing pier is not only a wonderful asset for our children and for their children but also our elderly and handicapped citizens who will be able to fish more easily with the universal access that this pier provides.

It has been an honor to serve another year as the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Because I believe in government for the people and "with" the people I continue to encourage citizen input, comments, and questions during our meetings. I believe that citizen participation is not only necessary but that it results in more productive, inclusive,

transparent government and leads to a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect that I will continue to work to achieve. We have some difficult, thorny and controversial issues to deal with. At the end of the day we all want what's best for each other and the town. We must continue to support an inclusive meeting environment even when we do not agree, we respect the rights of all to express their opinions. Please know that the Board of Selectmen work hard to balance the needs of the town with the needs of the individual. It is not an easy task but one done with thoughtful contemplation.

I thank the volunteer citizens who have participated on boards, on committees and in meetings. This participation is a valued part of democracy and an important part of the fabric of our community. I respectfully ask that more citizens become more involved and serve along with your neighbors.

I also want to thank Vice Chairman Walter Vail, the other members of the Board, our Town Administrator and Alice Butler for their extra effort, understanding and support as I undertake a new career with more limited availability.

We all know that Oak Bluffs is a very special place, steeped in history and with much to offer. I am reminded of the beauty and character of Oak Bluffs each time I walk or ride through town. I thank you for allowing me to continue to be involved in the positive direction of our wonderful town. I am proud to be from OB!

Respectfully submitted,

KATHY BURTON
Chairman

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

During calendar year 2012 Town finances continued to occupy center stage as the Town began to hit its stride in implementing a major financial stabilization program designed to improve the Town's financial condition. From the framework of a multi-year financial planning analysis, the Town adopted a conservative budgetary strategy that carried forward the following key themes:

- Lower revenue estimates to amounts that are fully collectable, and not hoped for
- Lower Town budgets to amounts supported by ongoing, recurring revenues to eliminate any structural deficits
- Limit all spending to appropriated amounts and carry over no deficits
- Identify and eliminate existing account deficits
- Not raise taxes to balance the operating budget

With this strategy in place the Town made significant progress toward the multi-year process of eliminating a free cash deficit of nearly \$900,000 and restoring financial stability to the Town. By continuing to pursue this strategy over the next several years, the Town plans to rebuild its free cash in accordance with the following plan:

Five-Year Free Cash Program

In addition to stabilizing its finances the Town worked hard in 2012 to better articulate a vision and a strategy for addressing the major needs of the Town given our limited resources and many competing needs. Through a six month process the Board of Selectmen inventoried all of the Town's major areas of need, which were broken down into eleven key areas of strategic focus. For each area of focus the Board developed a series of projects and initiatives, then set out to break each project into a series of steps with assigned responsibilities and timeframes for completion. Some of the projects are new, and many address long-standing, Town-wide concerns. The resulting product was the publication of the Town's first Strategic Plan which sets forth both a vision and a road-map for addressing the Town's key priorities over the next several years. The Strategic Plan is published in its entirety in this Annual Report, and it is a very useful tool for communicating the Selectmen's priorities to local residents.

This past year also marked our first year of implementation of the Town's new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which provides a plan for addressing the Town's capital spending needs for the next six-year period. Led by our hard-working Capital Program Committee, the CIP involved all Departments and the Town's administration in developing an affordable blueprint for maintaining critical infrastructure. Through the plan this year the Town was able to conduct long-deferred maintenance to Town buildings, replace necessary public safety equipment and

also to initiate studies to improve our substandard Fire/EMS Station and Town Hall. By planning for capital improvements the Town will be best positioned to protect and improve its capital assets without major impact to the Town's Finances.

Another long-term improvement to Town services this year was the negotiation, along with the Town of Tisbury of a long-term contract for the disposal of our solid waste, or household trash. The Town has historically relied on short-term contracts which can change in price rapidly. Forecasting a major transformation in solid waste markets marked by rapidly increasing costs, the Town entered into a renewable ten-year agreement with the Greater New Bedford Regional Waste District for solid waste disposal. This will stabilize our long-term costs and partner the Town with other municipalities with common interests, rather than relying on the rapidly shifting commercial trash markets.

The Town is also using solid, long-term thinking in its current project to design a Town-owned fuel facility for the harbor. The Town currently collects nearly \$1 million in annual harbor fees, but with the closure of Church's pier, no fuel is available at Oak Bluffs Harbor. By developing a plan to permanently meet this critical need of boaters, the Town will enhance the attractiveness of our harbor as a destination for boaters and safeguard these critical revenues to support our local services.

The Town has used the recent deep recession to develop a focus on long-term stability and improvement in a way that has not been seen before. The recent threats to our ability to raise the revenues necessary to fund basic local services have shifted our focus to adopting strategies that will better prepare the Town for any future economic downturns through both better planning and the consistent application of conservative fiscal procedures over a long-period of time. As we continue to develop the reserves that we need to protect our services, we are also anticipating future needs in a way that will best position the Town to deal with future challenges.

I continue to be honored to serve our residents as an advocate for cost-efficient and high quality Town services. I salute the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, our Department heads and all of the staff for the work they have accomplished in creating an environment for innovation and success as we work together to solve problems and provide services. I also want to recognize the efforts of the administrative staff that serves the Office of the Selectmen and Town Administrator, Alice Butler and Shelley Carter, whose professionalism and positive impact extend throughout our entire community.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. WRITENOUR, JR.
Interim Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

MARCH 6, 2012

Pursuant to the warrant, Board of Registrar Kathryn Collins declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Oak Bluffs Library at 56 R School Street. Present for the reception of voters were Town Clerk Deborah deB. Ratcliff, Assistant Town Clerk Laura Johnston, Mary Anne and John Cummings, Sarah Adams and Constable George Warren. Registrar Board Member Margaret Stafursky, Constable David Oliveira and Virginia Coutinho arrived later in the day to assist.

It was a quiet uneventful day with a low voter turnout. The polls were declared closed by Constable Oliveira at 8:00 p.m. A total of 405 of the 3256 registered voters in this town participated in this election. Of these, 38 were by absentee ballot. The total turnout percentage was 12%.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Presidential Preference	Votes Cast	
Blanks	0	
Ron Paul	18	
Mitt Romney	172	
Rick Perry	0	
Rick Santorum	41	
John Huntsman	1	
Michele Bachmann	0	
Newt Gingrich	11	
No Preference	0	
Total		243
State Committee Man		
Blanks	90	
G. Roland Gonzalez	53	
Francis P. Manzelli	100	
Total		243
State Committee Woman		
Blanks	67	
Cynthia E. Stead	53	
Judith A. Crocker	123	
Total		243
Town Committee (10)		
Blanks	2408	
Write-ins	22	
Total		2430

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Presidential Preference		
Blanks	3	
Barack Obama	141	
No Preference	14	
Total		158
State Committee Man		
Blanks	42	
John Reed	116	
Total		158

State Committee Woman		
Blanks	33	
Jennifer Smith	125	
Total		158
Town Committee (15)		
Blanks	1107	
Group	71	
Karen S. Achille	116	
Eleanor S. Beth	98	
Harvey John Beth	101	
Mimi Davisson	113	
Ronald L. DiOrio	93	
T. Ewell Hopkins	110	
Masayuki H. Kimball	93	
William J. Stafursky	102	
Margaret A. Stafursky	105	
Richard J. Toole	111	
Roger W. Wey	118	
Linda M. Wilson	100	
Write-ins	3	
Total		2370

GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

Presidential Preference		
Blanks	0	
Kent Mesplay	0	
Jill Stein	1	
Harley Mikkelson	0	
No Preference	2	
Write-in	1	
Total		4
State Committee Man		
Blank	4	
Total		4
State Committee Woman		
Blank	4	
Total		4
Town Committee (10)		
Blanks	39	
Write-in	1	
Total		40

The polls closed officially at 8:00 pm. Following the count of the write-in candidates, a declaration of the votes cast was made by the Town Clerk at 9:00 pm. All ballots, both used and unused, were then returned to the Town Hall to be kept the prescribed time.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah deB. Ratcliff, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REPORT

APRIL 10, 2012

Moderator Jesse B. Law III called this meeting to order at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Performing Art Center at 7:10 pm. Opening with 158 of the 3245 registered voters in attendance increasing to a total of 207 during the course of the evening. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by a local troop of boy scouts, which was followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of those residents whom had died during the past year. Moderator Law then introduced our new Town Accountant Arthur Gallagher to the assembled. He then presented the following articles which were acted upon as follows.

Article 1. Voted unanimously to transfer \$1160.49 (one thousand one hundred sixty dollars and forty nine cents) from the Copy Paper account to the Advertising account to cover a prior year bill.

Amount	Payee
\$1160.49	MV Times

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$143,000 (One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Dollars) from the Ambulance Reserve Fund for the purchase of public safety equipment.

Ambulance Department

Fire Department

Police Department

Article 3. Voted unanimously to transfer from available funds in the Treasurer/Fixed Costs Expenses Account the sum of \$14,391.60 to the Town Treasurer Personal Services Account.

Board of Selectmen

Personnel Board

Article 4. Voted unanimously to rescind the vote taken at the April 12, 2011 Annual Town Meeting which allocated \$160,000 of CPA Funds for an Engineering Study for Niantic Park and reallocate the same funds to the Open Space Reserve.

Community Preservation Committee

Article 5. Voted unanimously to rescind the vote taken at the April 13, 2010 Special Town Meeting to appropriate from Undesignated Reserves the amount of \$22,700 for the Affordable Housing project at 54 Pacific Avenue, and relocate the same funds to Undesignated Reserves.

Community Preservation Committee

Article 6. Voted unanimously to allocate from Community Preservation Undesignated Reserves the amount of \$ 5,000 to cover administrative expenses for the Community Preservation Committee through July 1, 2012.

Community Preservation Committee

Article 7. Voted unanimously to transfer from overlay surplus the sum of \$15,900 for the purpose of updating the Town of Oak Bluffs MassGIS maps and related data and the 2013 interim update of values, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors.

Board of Assessors

Following the vote on the last article at 7:22 pm, this meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Deborah deB. Ratcliff
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT
APRIL 10, 2012**

This meeting was called to order by Moderator Law at 7:22 pm following the adjournment of the earlier Special Town Meeting. Prior to the presentation of the articles by Moderator Law, Michael Goldsmith, speaking as our Town Attorney, announced that the Warrant had not been posted in accordance with our town by-law. He said that he had been in discussions with the Attorney General's Office and they did agree to accept any by-law changes voted this evening since the posting did conform to the State's requirements which are less stringent. Town Administrator Robert Whritenour then offered a presentation elaborating on the Town's financial situation, explaining where we have been, are now and where we cautiously move forward to. Also, various Department Heads made themselves available for any questions the voters may have in the management of their departments. Richard Combra from the Highway Department, Chief Erik Blake from the Police Department, James Dunn from the Building Department and Oak Bluffs School Principal Richie Smith were the presenters.

Article 1. Voted unanimously to approve the budget in the amount of \$23,410,186., as presented in Appendix A as amended, and to meet said appropriations the Town raises through the tax levy the sum of \$23,221,366., and transfer from the Ferry Fee Account, the Sum of \$188,820. to line item #1210, 51212 Patrolman Salaries; Additionally to appropriate to the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, as presented in Appendix A, the amount of \$610,917. and to meet said appropriations via User Fees and Other Charges.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be appropriately distributed by the Town Accountant to the accounts affected for the purpose of funding the provisions for the contract period commencing July 1, 2012, as agreed to by the Town of Oak Bluffs and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee, Council 93, Local 3992 Unit A and Unit B and to pay for cost of living increases to employees covered by the Personnel By-law, and to determine how the same shall be raised and by whom expended.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. Voted unanimously to adopt Schedule A, Classification Schedule, and Schedule B, Compensation Schedule of the Personnel Bylaws (**Appendix B**).

Personnel Board

Article 4. Voted unanimously, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, section 53E1/2 to re-establish a revolving fund for Department 296, Marina, under the direction of the

Harbormaster for the purpose of paying harbor-related costs, to be funded from surcharge receipts collected from all transient visitors, and to establish an annual limit of \$15,000 of expenditures.

Harbormaster

Article 5. Voted to transfer the sum of \$281,250 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund for the purchase of public safety vehicles and equipment.

Ambulance Department

Fire Department

Police Department

Article 6. Voted to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Funds for Fiscal Year 2013 estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses and Community Preservation projects, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as follows.

Appropriation	Recommended Amount
Community Preservation	
Administrative Expense	\$20,000
Reserves	
Open Space	\$61,633
Historic Preservation	\$61,633
Community Housing	\$61,633
Budgeted CPA Reserves	\$408,329

Community Preservation Committee

Article 7. Voted to appropriate from the available CPA funding sources as follows:

From Reserves for Open Space	\$25,000
From Reserves for Community Housing	\$61,633
From Reserves for Historic Preservation	\$61,633
From budgeted CPA Reserves/ Undesignated Funds	\$85,867

For the following projects based on the CPA Committee recommendation to spend \$233,953 for:

Project Title	Organization	CPA Category	Amount Recommended
1. East Chop Bluff & Road Road Preservation	East Chop Assn. Board of Selectmen Highway Department Conservation Comm.	Open Space/ Recreation	\$25,000
2. United Methodist Church Historic Stained Glass Window Restoration	\$32,000 Church of MV	United Methodist Preservation	
3. MV Museum Collection Preservation	MV Museum	Historic Preservation	\$44,953
4. Rental Assistance	Dukes County Regional Housing Authority	Community Housing	\$132,000
		TOTAL:	\$233,953

Community Preservation Committee

Article 8. Voted as amended, to transfer from available funds appropriated by the Town under Article 7 of the

2011 Annual Town Meeting (from the Wastewater Retained Earnings Account for the Lagoon Pond Sewering Project) the sum of \$38,300 to the Massachusetts Estuaries Project Account for the purpose of conducting an analysis of the Upper Lagoon Pond Nitrogen Attenuation Study.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. Voted as amended, to amend Chapter XIV of the Oak Bluffs Recodified General By-laws pertaining to the Police Department by increasing the fines for violations of the following sections:

A. Camping, Tenting and Sleeping on Public or Private Property.

From an amount not in excess of fifty (\$50.00) to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

D. Consuming Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places or Town Property.

From an amount not in excess of fifty (\$50.00) to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

F. Disorderly Conduct

From an amount not in excess of fifty (\$50.00) to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

G. Firearms

From twenty-five (\$25.00) to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

J. Indecent Exposure

From fifty (\$50.00) to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

K. Noise

1. From an unspecified amount to one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

2. From a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) to one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars.

M. Peeping or Spying.

From an amount not in excess of fifty (\$50.00) dollars to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

O. Roller Skates, Skateboards & Bicycles

From ten (\$10.00) dollars to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

R. Vehicles in Town Park

From twenty (\$20.00) dollars to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

T. Loitering

From fifty (\$50.00) dollars to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

W. Ball Playing and Missile Throwing in Streets

From no specified fine to fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

And further, to change the time at which restaurants shall close for business in Section I. from 12:30 A.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Police Department

Article 10. Voted, as authorized by Chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, and incorporated into the Massachusetts General Laws as Chapter 6, Section 172B1/2, to create a by-law enabling the Police Department to conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History checks for individuals applying for the following licenses:

- Hawking and Peddling or other Door to Door Salespeople
- Manager of Alcoholic Beverage License
- Owner or Operator of Public Conveyance
- Dealer of Second hand Articles
- Pawn Dealers
- Hackney Drivers, and,
- Ice Cream Truck Vendors

and further, to authorize the adoption of appropriate policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this by-law.

Police Department

Article 11. Voted unanimously to amend Chapter X, Section D of the Oak Bluffs Recodified By-Laws to read as follows:

Chapter X Harbor

D. Vessels in the waters of Oak Bluffs

No boat, ship or vessel of any kind or description shall deposit raw sewerage in the waters of Oak Bluffs. Any violation of this by-law shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

Harbormaster

Article 12. Voted as amended, to delete Section B of the Chapter IV (Board of Health) of the Oak Bluffs Recodified General By-laws pertaining to covers for septic and cesspools.

Board of Health

Article 13. Voted as amended, to fix the compensation of full time and part time elected officials of the Town as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, for the twelve month period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as follows:

Board of Selectmen, Chair	\$ 4,500
Selectmen, Members	\$ 3,000 each
Constables	\$ 500 each
Town Clerk	\$74,646

Board of Selectmen

Article 14. Voted unanimously to elect the following Town Officers on the official ballot:

One Moderator for one year

Two Selectmen for three years

One Board of Health Member for three years

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years

Three Finance Committee Members for three years

One Park Commissioner for three years

One Tree Warden for three years

One Planning Board Member for five years

One School Committee member for three years

One Wastewater Commissioner for three years

One Water District Commissioner for three years

One Constable for one year,

Article 15. This petitioned article requesting the re-zoning of property abutting the Health Care District was **withdrawn** by the petitioner.

By Petition

Article 16. Voted to support the construction of a round-about at the area commonly called the blinking light, where there is a four-way intersection where traffic flow is currently controlled and monitored by stop signs.

By Petition

Article 17. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to communicate to the Massachusetts State Senate and House the support of the citizens of the town of Oak Bluffs for Senate Bill 772, Restoring Free Speech, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations;

WHEREAS, for the past three decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has transformed the First Amendment into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate democratically-enacted reforms;

WHEREAS, this corporate takeover of the First Amendment has reached its extreme conclusion in the United States Supreme Court's recent ruling in Citizens United v. FEC;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC will now unleash a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy;

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self-government;

Now be it resolved that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby calls upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the First Amendment and fair elections to the people.

By Petition

Following the vote on the last article at 10:10 pm the motion was made and duly seconded to close this town meeting.

Attest:

Deborah deB. Ratcliff
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**Town Meeting
Appendix A
FY 2013 Budget**

DEPT#	DEPARTMENT	FY 2013
122	SELECTMEN	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$261,169
	EXPENSES	\$115,188
	TOTAL SELECTMEN	\$376,357
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	EXPENSES	\$5,002
	TOTAL FIN COMM	\$5,002
132	FIN COMM-RESERVE FUND	
	EXPENSES	\$57,650
	TOTAL FIN COMM-RES FUND	\$57,650
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$120,433
	EXPENSES	\$1,000
	TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$121,433
141	ASSESSORS	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$101,631
	EXPENSES	\$8,737
	TOTAL ASSESSORS	\$110,368
144	TREASURER/ FIXED COSTS	
	EXPENSES	\$3,415,679
	TOTAL TREAS FIXED COSTS	\$3,415,679
145	TOWN TREASURER	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$70,320
	EXPENSES	\$31,820
	TOTAL TREASURER	\$102,140
146	TAX COLLECTOR	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$107,866
	EXPENSES	\$14,350
	TOTAL COLLECTOR	\$122,216
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$75,640
	EXPENSES	\$234,100
	TOTAL INFORMATION TECH	\$309,740
161	TOWN CLERK	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$124,239
	EXPENSES	\$2,325
	TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$126,564
163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$21,679
	EXPENSES	\$4,000
	TOTAL BD OF REGISTRARS	\$25,679
171	CONSERVATION	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$62,097
	EXPENSES	\$4,070
	TOTAL CONSERVATION	\$66,167

175	PLANNING BOARD		519	BOARD OF HEALTH	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$2,500		PERSONAL SERVICES	\$92,027
	EXPENSES	\$2,000		EXPENSES	\$56,359
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	<u>\$4,500</u>		TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	<u>\$148,121</u>
199	UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)		541	COUNCIL ON AGING	
	EXPENSES	\$1,077,868		PERSONAL SERVICES	\$138,204
	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>\$1,077,868</u>		EXPENSES	<u>\$70,278</u>
210	POLICE DEPT			TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	<u>\$208,482</u>
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,762,575	543	VETERANS SERVICES	
	EXPENSES	\$70,500		EXPENSES	\$68,500
	TOTAL POLICE DEPT	<u>\$1,833,075</u>		TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	<u>\$68,500</u>
220	FIRE DEPT		610	LIBRARY	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$114,975		PERSONAL SERVICES	\$321,365
	EXPENSES	\$79,863		EXPENSES	<u>\$137,915</u>
	TOTAL FIRE DEPT	<u>\$194,838</u>		TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>\$459,280</u>
231	AMBULANCE		612	ARTS COUNCIL	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$278,239		EXPENSES	\$1,500
	EXPENSES	\$36,500		TOTAL ARTS COUNCIL	<u>\$1,500</u>
	TOTAL AMBULANCE	<u>\$314,739</u>	630	RECREATION	
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR			PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$135,855		EXPENSES	<u>\$18,750</u>
	EXPENSES	\$4,620		TOTAL RECREATION	<u>\$18,750</u>
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	<u>\$140,475</u>	710	MATURING DEBT- PRINCIPAL	
249	SHELLFISH			EXPENSES	\$2,092,332
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$112,219		TOTAL DEBT PRINCIPAL	<u>\$2,092,332</u>
	EXPENSES	\$51,000	750	MATURING DEBT- INTEREST	
	TOTAL SHELLFISH	<u>\$163,219</u>		EXPENSES	\$535,009
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			TOTAL DEBT INTEREST	<u>\$535,009</u>
	PERSONAL SERVICE	\$5,000	751	INTEREST TEMPORARY DEBT	
	EXPENSES	\$16,700		EXPENSES	\$30,000
	TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	<u>\$21,700</u>		TOTAL TEMP DEBT INTEREST	<u>\$30,000</u>
296	MARINA MANAGER		760	BOND ISSUANCE COSTS	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$187,012		EXPENSES	\$0
	EXPENSES	\$40,500		TOTAL BOND COSTS	<u>\$0</u>
	TOTAL MARINA MANAGER	<u>\$227,512</u>	184	STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	
300	SCHOOL DEPT			EXPENSES	\$0
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$5,284,450		TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	<u>\$0</u>
	EXPENSES	\$750,070		TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$23,410,186</u>
	TOTAL SCHOOL DEPT	<u>\$6,034,520</u>	60198	WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE	
301	M V REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL			PERSONAL SERVICES	\$262,972
	DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$3,472,041		EXPENSES	<u>\$347,945</u>
	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	\$101,735		TOTAL WASTEWATER	<u>\$610,917</u>
	TOTAL M V DISTRICT	<u>\$3,573,776</u>		TOTAL BUDGET FOR TOWN MEETING	<u>\$24,021,103</u>
421	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION			TRANSFERS AS PART OF BUDGET VOTE	
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$710,040		FERRY FEES TO PAY PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES	\$188,820.00
	EXPENSES	\$712,955			
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	<u>\$1,422,995</u>			
491	CEMETERY				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0			
	TOTAL CEMETERY	<u>\$0</u>			

Town Meeting Appendix B

Schedule A:

Grade	Department	Position
3	Highway	Custodian (H,A)
4	BoH	Admin Assistant I (H,A)
	Finance	Administrative Clerk (H,A)
	Library	Assistant (H,A)
	Police*	Asst. Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Wastewater	Junior Operator (H,A)
5	Ambulance	EMT Basic (H,P)
	Bd of Reg	Admin Assistant II (H,P)
	Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk (H,A)
	Highway	Cemetery Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Highway	Skilled Laborer (H,A)
	Library	Library Associate (H,A)
	Police*	Animal Control Officer (H,P)
	Shellfish	Deputy Shellfish Constable (H,P)
6	Ambulance	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
	Ambulance	EMT Intermediate (H,P)
	Finance	Admin Assistant III (H,A)
	Highway	Carpenter (H,A)
	Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator (H,A)
	Library	Children's Librarian (S,B)
	Police	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
	Selectmen	Admin Assistant III (H,P)
7	Ambulance	Paramedic (H,P)
	Ambulance	Paramedic Lieutenant (H,P)
	Council on Aging	Assistant Director (H,A)
	Council on Aging	Outreach Coordinator (H,A)
	Finance	Assistant Assessor (H,A)

KEY:

A	Union, Unit A
B	Union, Unit B
UP	Union, Police
P	Personnel Board/Non-union
H	Hourly
S	Salaried
*	Police Salaries Based on Collective Bargaining Agreement

Schedule B:

Pay

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	13.42	13.82	14.24	14.66	15.10	15.56	16.02	16.50
2	14.49	14.93	15.37	15.84	16.31	16.80	17.30	17.82
3	15.65	16.12	16.60	17.10	17.62	18.14	18.69	19.25
4	16.90	17.41	17.93	18.47	19.02	19.60	20.18	20.79
5	18.26	18.80	19.37	19.95	20.55	21.16	21.80	22.45
6	19.72	20.31	20.92	21.54	22.19	22.86	23.54	24.25
7	21.29	21.93	22.59	23.27	23.97	24.68	25.43	26.19
8	23.00	23.69	24.40	25.13	25.88	26.66	27.46	28.28
9	24.84	25.58	26.35	27.14	27.95	28.79	29.66	30.55
10	26.82	27.63	28.46	29.31	30.19	31.10	32.03	32.99
11	29.51	30.39	31.30	32.24	33.21	34.21	35.23	36.29
12	32.46	33.43	34.43	35.47	36.53	37.63	38.75	39.92
13	35.70	36.77	37.88	39.01	40.18	41.39	42.63	43.91
14	39.27	40.45	41.66	42.91	44.20	45.53	46.89	48.30
15	43.20	44.50	45.83	47.20	48.62	50.08	51.58	53.13
16	47.52	48.94	50.41	51.93	53.48	55.09	56.74	58.44
17	52.27	53.84	55.45	57.12	58.83	60.60	62.41	64.29
18	57.50	59.22	61.00	62.83	64.71	66.66	68.66	70.72
19	63.25	65.15	67.10	69.11	71.19	73.32	75.52	77.79
20	69.57	71.66	73.81	76.02	78.30	80.65	83.07	85.57

	Finance	Assistant Treasurer (H,P)
	Highway	Office Administrator I (H,A)
	Highway	Parks Foreman (H,A)
	Police	Office Admin II (H,P)
	Police*	Patrol Officer (H, UP)
8	Building	Admin Local Inspector (H,A)
	Building	Zoning Administrator (H,A)
	Library	Ref Librarian/Asst Direct (S,B)
	Wastewater	Mechanic Operator (H,A)
	Wastewater	Office Admin - Lab Tech (H,A)
9	Council on Aging	Director (S,B)
	Highway	Foreman (H,A)
	Selectmen	Office Admin III (H,P)
10	Conserve	Agent (S,B)
11	Ambulance	Ambulance Chief/Paramedic (S,P)
	BoH	Agent (S,B)
	Building	Inspector of Buildings (S,B)
	Clerk	Town Clerk (S,Elected)
	Finance	Principal Assessor (S,P)
	Finance	Tax Collector (S,P)
	Finance	Town Accountant (S,P)
	Harbor	Harbormaster/Marina Mgr (S,P)
	Library	Director (S,P)
	Police*	Sergeant (S,UP)
	Shellfish	Constable (S,P)
	Wastewater	Facilities Manager (S,P)
12	Finance	Director / Treasurer (S,P)
	Selectmen	IT Manager (S,P)
13	Fire	Fire Chief (S,P)
	Highway	Superintendent (S,P)
	Police*	Lieutenant (S,P)

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 12, 2012

Pursuant to the Annual Town Meeting warrant, Article 14, the polls were declared open by Constable David Oliveira in the meeting room of the Oak Bluffs Library, at ten o'clock a.m. Present for the reception of voters were Anne & John Cummings, Sarah Adams, Bd of Registrar Member Margaret Stafursky, Asst Town Clerk Laura Johnston and Town Clerk Deborah deB. Ratcliff. Virginia Coutinho arrived later in the day to assist.

At noontime the fire alarm in the library sounded and we all were asked to evacuate. Constable Oliveira stayed with the election ballots and equipment whilst the source of the alarm was searched out by the responding firemen. Following a search it was determined that there was not any fire nor was there any inherent danger within the structure. The polls were then reopened to the voters at 12:45 pm.

The polls were declared closed at seven o'clock p.m. and the ballot box reflected that 891 voters, (27%) of the 3245 registered, had participated; of these, 84 voted by absentee ballot. The following results were announced at 7:15 pm. The used and unused ballots were then sealed and returned to Town Hall to be stored the prescribed time.

MODERATOR

One for one year	
Jesse B. Law III	692
Blanks	195
Others	4

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Two for three years	
Kathleen A. Burton	611
Gregory A. Coogan	580
Roger W. Wey	371
Blanks	217
Others	3

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER

One for three years	
William White	652
Blanks	234
Others	5

PARK COMMISSIONER

One for three years	
Allan A. deBettencourt	640
Blanks	243
Others	8

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

One for three years	
Kristine A. O'Brien	597
Blanks	290
Others	4

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

One for three years	
Jesse B. Law III	660
Blanks	227
Others	4

TREE WARDEN

One for three years	
Joseph M. deBettencourt	658
Blanks	226
Others	7

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

One for five years	
Kris W. Chvatal	567
Blanks	318
Others	6

FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Three for three years	
Steven Auerbach	568
John M. Boardman	519
Raymond Taylor	502
Blanks	1080
Others	4

WASTEWATER COMMISSIONER

One for three years	
Hans O. von Steiger	533
Blanks	345
Others	13

CONSTABLE

One for one year	
George M. Warren	593
Blanks	296
Others	2

WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

One for three years	
Kevin H. Johnson	641
Blanks	248
Others	2

ATTEST:

Deborah deB. Ratcliff
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**

Pursuant to the warrant, Constable George Warren declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Oak Bluffs Library at 56R School Street. Present for the reception of voters were Assistant Town Clerk Laura Johnston, Town Clerk Deborah deB. Ratcliff, Board of Registrar Margaret Stafursky, and John and Mary Anne Cummings. Constable David Oliveira, Virginia Coutinho and Catherine Plesz arrived later in the day to assist.

At 8:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed by Constable David Oliveira and the unofficial results were announced by Board of Registrar member Margaret Stafursky. The ballot box reflected that a total of 517 voters or 16% of those registered had participated in this election, of the total registered number of 3336. Of the ballots cast, 46 were by absentee. Following the hand count of numerous write-in candidates the final announcement of the winners was made at 9:30 p.m. The ballots and election materials were then sealed and returned to Town Hall to be stored the prescribed time.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Senator in Congress			
Scott P. Brown	109		
All Others	1		
Blanks	2		
Total		112	
Representative in Congress			
Adam G. Chaprales	54		
Christopher Sheldon	50		
All Others	0		
Blanks	8		
Total		112	
Councillor			
Charles Cipollini	85		
All Others	0		
Blanks	27		
Total		112	
Senator in General Court			
All Others	2		
Blanks	110		
Total		112	
Representative in General Court			
All Others	1		
Blanks	111		
Total		112	
Clerk of Courts			
Joseph E. Sollitto, Jr.	98		
All Others	0		
Blanks	14		
Total		112	

Register of Deeds			
All Others	9		
Blanks	103		
Total		112	
County Commissioner (7)			
Blanks	767		
All Others	17		
Total		784	

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Senator in Congress			
Elizabeth A. Warren	374		
Blanks	23		
All Others	6		
Total		403	
Representative in Congress			
William Richard Keating	240		
C. Samuel Sutter	148		
Blanks	14		
All Others	1		
Total		403	
Councillor			
Nicholas D. Bernier	86		
Oliver P. Cipollini, Jr.	128		
Walter D. Moniz	56		
All Others	0		
Blanks	133		
Total		403	
Senator In General Court			
Daniel A. Wolf	329		
All Others	0		
Blanks	74		
Total		403	
Representative in General Court			
Timothy R. Madden	331		
Blanks	72		
All Others	0		
Total		403	
Clerk of Courts			
All Others	29		
Blanks	374		
Total		403	
Register of Deeds			
Dianne E. Powers	319		
All Others	0		
Blanks	84		
Total		403	

County Commissioner (7)			Representative in General Court		
John S. Alley	237		Blanks	2	
Thomas J. Hallahan.	260		Total		2
Leon Arthur Brathwaite	185		Clerk of Courts		
Blanks	2125		Blanks		
All Others	14		Total		2
Total		2821	Register of Deeds		
<i>GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY</i>			Blanks	2	
Senator in Congress			Total		2
Blanks	2		County Commissioner (7)		
Total		2	Blanks	14	
Representative in Congress			Total		14
Blanks	2		ATTEST		
Total		2			
Councillor					
Blanks	2				
Total		2			
Senator in General Court					
Blanks	2				
Total		2			

Deborah deB. Ratcliff
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**RECOUNT DEMOCRATIC STATE PRIMARY
FOR COUNCILLOR IN THE FIRST DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 14, 2012**

Since there was a less than 0.5% difference in votes cast between the two leading candidates a petition for a district-wide recount of the votes at the September 6, 2012 Democratic State Primary for Councillor in the First District is valid and was therefore filed. The candidates were notified of the time and place of our scheduled recount as well as the number of tellers scheduled to participate so that they in turn would have the option of arranging observers to attend on their behalf.

We proceeded with our scheduled recount which we had scheduled to begin at 9:30 am in the meeting room of the Oak Bluffs Library at 56R School Street. Registrars present were Acting Registrar Laura B. Johnston, Margaret Stafursky and Deborah deB. Ratcliff. Tellers were

Marguerite and David Cook, Sarah Adams and Ronald Zentner. Thomas Hallahan arrived, having been appointed as an observer for the Nicholas Bernier Committee. The recount finished at 10:15 am with no changes in the number of votes cast for each candidate. All of the elections materials were then resealed and returned to the Town Hall to be stored the prescribed time. Notification was then sent to the Elections Division of the results.

A True Copy,
ATTEST:

Deborah deB. Ratcliff
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

Pursuant to the warrant, the polls were declared open by Constable George Warren at 7:00 a.m. The following poll workers were in attendance for the reception of voters; Assistant Town Clerk Laura Johnston, Town Clerk Deborah Ratcliff, Kathryn Collins, Catherine Plesz, Margaret Stafursky, Sarah Adams, John and Anne Cummings and Patricia Ingalls. Virginia Coutinho and Constable David Oliveira arrived later, at different times, to provide assistance. Bertha and Donald Madeiras, Pamela Martisauskas and Peter Shea, Johanna Roses, William Stafursky, Colleen Morris, Matthew Stamas, David and Marguerite Cook, Priscilla Sylvia and Karen Achille arrived after the polls were closed to assist in the counting of the write-in ballots.

The polls were declared closed by Constable Oliveira at 8:05 p.m. The ballot box reflected that a total of 2793 voters of the 3445 registered had cast their ballots and of these, 555 were by absentee ballot. The unofficial results were announced at 8:15 pm. Following a count of the write-in candidates, all election materials were transported back to the town hall to be stored for the proscribed time and notifications of these results were made to the various news services.

In accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Secretary of State's Office, fifteen additional ballots which had arrived from overseas and received within the 10 day grace period were counted and added to the results. These additional ballots brought the voter total to 2808 resulting in a voter turnout of 82%. Following are the official results which were subsequently recorded with the County and State election offices.

**ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND
VICE PRESIDENT**

Johnson and Gray	15	
Obama and Biden	1969	
Romney and Ryan	796	
Stein and Honkala	16	
Blanks	10	
A/O	2	
Total		2808

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Scott. P. Brown	959	
Elizabeth A. Warren	1821	
Blanks	27	
A/O	1	
Total		2808

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

William Richard Keating	1878
Christopher Sheldon	598
Daniel S. Botelho	127
Blanks	201

A/O	4	
Total		2808

COUNCILLOR

Charles Cipollini	756	
Oliver P. Cipollini, Jr	1548	
Blanks	498	
A/O	6	
Total		2808

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Daniel A. Wolf	2057	
Blanks	735	
A/O	16	
Total		2808

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Timothy R. Madden	2086	
Blanks	707	
A/O	15	
Total		2808

CLERK OF COURTS

Joseph E. Sollitto, Jr.	1963	
Blanks	824	
A/O	21	
Total		2808

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Dianne E. Powers	2138	
Blanks	660	
A/O	10	
Total		2808

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (7)

John S. Alley	1641	
Thomas J. Hallahan	1453	
Tristan R. Israel	1321	
Melinda F. Loberg	1095	
Leon Arthur Braithwaite	1146	
Blanks	12875	
Daniel A. Flynn	8	
James Klingensmith	12	
Christine Todd	49	
A/O	56	
Total		19656

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION (9)

John Robert Breckenridge	1222
Christina Brown	1158
Erik Hammarlund	876
E. Douglas Sederholm	892
Linda Bauer Sibley	1024
Clarence A. Barnes III	1134
Madeline Fisher	696
Joshua Seth Goldstein	585

Fred J. Hancock	854	
Joseph Gordon Jims	667	
James T. Miller	401	
Camille Rose	655	
Susanna J. Sturgis	609	
David F. Willoughby	509	
Blanks '	13933	
Christine Todd	16	
A/O	41	
Total		25272

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

A YES VOTE would enact the proposed law requiring motor vehicle manufacturers to allow vehicle owners and independent repair facilities in Massachusetts to have access to the same vehicle diagnostic and repair information made available to the manufacturers' Massachusetts dealers and authorized repair facilities.

A NO VOTE would make no change in existing laws.

Yes	2158	
No	274	
Blanks	376	
Total		2808

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

A YES VOTE would enact the proposed law allowing a physician licensed in Massachusetts to prescribe medication at the request of terminally-ill patient meeting certain conditions, to end that person's life.

A NO VOTE would make no change in existing laws.

Yes	1646	
No	1010	
Blanks	152	
Total		2808

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

A YES VOTE would enact the proposed law eliminating state criminal and civil penalties related to the medical use

of marijuana, allowing patients meeting certain conditions to obtain marijuana produced and distributed by new state-regulated centers or, in specific hardship cases, to grow marijuana for their own use.

A NO VOTE would make no change in existing laws.

Yes	1855	
No	787	
Blanks	166	
Total		2808

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution affirming that (1) corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and (2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

Yes	1787	
No	454	
Blanks	567	
Total		2808

QUESTION 5: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution affirming that (1) corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and (2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

Yes	1766	
No	428	
Blanks	614	
Total		2808

ATTEST:

Deborah deB. Ratcliff
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REPORT
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jesse B. Law III at 7:05 pm. Following the announcement that the quorum had been met with 100 registered voters he proceeded open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The voters then acted upon the posted warrant articles as follows.

Article 1. Town Administrator Robert Whritenour provided an update and report on the finances of the Town.

Article 2. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,475.03 to pay prior year bills as listed below:

1. Steamship Authority	\$ 459.50
2. Powers Electric	\$1,732.04
3. GOV Connection	\$ 790.65
4. Vineyard Net	\$ 180.00
5. Granite City Electric	\$ 312.84
Total:	\$3,475.03

Town Accountant

Article 3. Voted unanimously to fix the compensation of full time elected officials of the Town as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, for the twelve month period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as follows: Town Clerk \$75,773.52, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1127.52 to the Town Clerk Personal Services Account.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to finance extraordinary repairs to municipal buildings as set forth in the Capital Improvement Program, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This Article authorizes the Town to make repairs to various Town Buildings as recommended in the Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Improvement Program according to the following estimates:

Replace Police Department Roof	\$60,000
Replace Town Hall Roof	\$35,000
Police Exterior Painting and Repairs	\$25,000
Library Exterior Painting and Repairs	\$25,000
Library HVAC System	\$15,000
Replace Fire Station Boiler	\$10,000
Sailing Camp Structural	\$45,000
Replace Town Hall HVAC System	\$35,000

Article 5. Voted unanimously to transfer from available funds in the Town's Library Capital Building Account the

sum of \$30,700 and from the Town's Library Capital Campaign Account the sum of \$29,300 to the Library HVAC account for the purpose of funding extraordinary repairs and/or replacement of the Library HVAC system.

Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This Article transfers existing library capital funds to make repairs to Library HVAC system. Total system costs are estimated to be \$75,000, with \$15,000 appropriated in Article 4 and \$60,000 transferred in Article 5, as recommended in the Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Improvement Program.

Article 6. Voted in excess of the required 2/3rds to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to finance a preliminary architectural study for a Fire, EMS, Public Safety Building and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor. The standing vote was 45 yes to 21 no.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. Voted in excess of the required 2/3rds to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to finance a preliminary architectural study for renovations to the Town Hall Building and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor. The standing vote was 50 yes to 16 no.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. Voted unanimously to transfer from the Waterways Improvement Fund account the sum of \$25,000 to pay for design services for a harbor fuel facility and for repair and upgrades to docks and moorings.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article transfers funds from the Town's Waterways Improvement Fund the amounts needed for its stated purpose of developing final design plans and construction documents for a harbor fueling facility, estimated to cost \$15,000, and upgrading moorings and docks in the harbor at a cost of \$10,000.

Article 9. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to the Selectmen's Unclassified Professional and Technical Account.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Warwick Avenue Demolition Account for the purpose of demolishing a derelict structure located at 10 Warwick Avenue that has been determined to be a safety hazard by the Board of Health, with a lien to be filed on the property for the full recovery of all costs of the Town for this project.

Board of Health

Article 11. Voted to transfer from available funds in the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve Account the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of developing a design program for improvements to Niantic Park and its related facilities, under the supervision of the Parks Commission.

Executive Summary: With the new Community Preservation Act legislation, towns are now able to use CPA funds for rehabilitation and restoration of existing recreational land, for example, town parks. Because Niantic Park is a multi-use recreational facility, which includes parking and bathroom facilities, the CPC would like to see an overall plan for the Park before considering proposals to fund specific needs such as renovating the basketball court, which would include issues of fencing and parking.

Article 12. Voted to transfer from available funds in the Community Preservation Undesignated Account the sum of \$12,325.75 for the purpose of funding deficits in the following Community Preservation project accounts: \$11,761.84 to the Library Conversion Project Account and \$563.91 to the Niantic Park Engineering Account.

Article 13. Voted to elect a moderator for a period of three years, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 14.

Article 14. Voted to enter into an Intermunicipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide an Integrated Pest Management Program to include rodent control, under such terms and conditions as may be established by the Board of Selectmen, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,015.84 as the Town's proportionate share of the balance (\$54,015.08) of the net cost of the program based on the equalized valuation as computed

by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2011. The projected budget of the Pest Management program for the fiscal year 2013 is \$88,016.76, less projected revenue of \$28,000 for the net cost of \$60,016.76. The County of Dukes will pay 10% (\$6,001.67) of the net cost of the program.

Board of Selectmen

Article 15. Voted unanimously to adopt the following amendments to the Personnel Bylaw:

Section 9. Work Week

9.1 Regular Work Week

Additional item

- 9.1.4. Normal work week for CCT paramedic/shift supervisors who work on a 24 hour shift rotation will be 42 hours per week.

Section 12. Holiday pay

Additional Item

- 12.2.2 EMS employees who work on a designated holiday will be paid straight time plus time and one half for hours worked.

Section 13. Vacation

Amendment

- 13.3. Vacation time need not be taken all at once. A maximum of two weeks earned vacation may be carried over into the next fiscal year. The request to carry over must be submitted to and approved by the **Department head and/or Town Administrator.** (Previously Personnel Board),

Personnel Board

Following the vote on article 15 at 8:20 pm, a motion was made and duly seconded to close this Special Town Meeting.

ATTEST:

Deborah deB. Ratcliff,
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk

RETURNS OF DEATHS RECORDED IN 2012

Date	Name	Age	Residence
JANUARY			
1	ARTHUR BYNG DICKSON	88	TISBURY, MA
10	JOHN WESLEY MAYHEW, JR	91	WEST TISBURY, MA
10	SAVERIO J. RICCIO	94	OAK BLUFFS, MA
17	NELSON WILLIAM AMARAL	86	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	MICHAEL K. MORAGA	56	OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	AMANDA L. HUTCHINSON	50	AQUINNAH, MA
25	HELEN MARY LINTON	96	EDGARTOWN, MA
FEBRUARY			
4	SHERYL LYN CUNNINGHAM	49	TISBURY, MA
5	PAULO M. GARCIA	58	OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	PATRICIA A. SUAREZ	66	OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	ELSIE E. NUNES	94	TISBURY, MA
24	JULIAN K. ROBINSON	82	OAK BLUFFS, MA
25	KATHLEEN DOLORES BRADY	86	WEST TISBURY, MA
28	CHARLES EDWARD MCCLUSKEY, JR	83	TISBURY, MA
MARCH			
16	EDWARD S. SHEMIT, JR	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA
16	JOHN W. EBBS	85	TISBURY, MA
16	PHYLLIS A. ROGERS	86	OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	JOHN H. BRYANT	74	WEST TISBURY, MA
21	MICHAEL SOUTHWICK	37	OAK BLUFFS, MA
23	LEONARD PERRY REID	64	OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	ANNA BEVERLY MEDEIROS	92	OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	MAURICE VICTOR VOSGES, JR	68	DOUGLASTOWN, NY
27	JUDITH B. MORSE	70	WEST TISBURY, MA
27	SUSAN SWEET LOMBARD	69	LYMAN, NH
31	ROBERT G. FORD	78	OAK BLUFFS, MA
APRIL			
2	DORIS ERNESTINE JACKSON	97	OAK BLUFFS, MA
3	MILDRED MADSEN FISHER	88	OAK BLUFFS, MA
3	JEAN MORGAN BRYANT	85	EDGARTOWN, MA
4	MARIA M. SEEHOLZER	58	EDGARTOWN, MA
7	KATHARINE BUNKER GETSINGER	84	EDGARTOWN, MA
9	JHOSEPH AUGUST ALVES MARTINS	1 M0 14 D	EDGARTOWN, MA
12	INGRID V. BROWN	98	EDGARTOWN, MA
MAY			
1	JOAN MARGARET BAPTISTE	57	TISBURY, MA
2	JOAN D. SILVIA	83	OAK BLUFFS, MA
5	MARY ELIZABETH TRIESCHMANN	87	TISBURY, MA
6	CAROLYN TEIXEIRA	85	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	MARION B. MORTON	102	OAK BLUFFS, MA

DEATHS - Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
MAY			
16	ESTELLE T. BURNHAM	71	EDGARTOWN, MA
21	HARRY B. JONES	80	TISBURY, MA
23	JULIAN S. GORALSKI, JR	68	EDGARTOWN, MA
29	PHYLLIS H. CONWAY	85	CHILMARK, MA
JUNE			
1	RICHARD CROSBY SWAIN	80	WILBRAHAM, MA
1	SANDRA JEAN JENSEN	68	EDGARTOWN, MA
6	MARY LU HEALEY	77	OAK BLUFFS, MA
6	LINDA A. BEN DAVID	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA
9	ESTELLE B. SURPRENANT	94	OAK BLUFFS, MA
13	GLADYS A. WIDDISS	97	AQUINNAH, MA
22	RICHARD E. LEE	79	WEST TISBURY, MA
28	JACQUELINE DENISON RUSSELL	92	OAK BLUFFS, MA
JULY			
2	RICHARD JOSEPH MACKEY	85	OAK BLUFFS, MA
4	ARTHUR E. WINTERS	94	EDGARTOWN, MA
15	ROBYN FRIEDMAN	63	NEWTON, MA
20	DOROTHY ELLEN KELLEY	92	EDGARTOWN, MA
22	PHYLLIS CLAIRE DEITZ	90	EDGARTOWN, MA
24	JEAN N. CHAPMAN	63	BELMONT, MA
25	HELEN SIGELMAN	87	OAK BLUFFS, MA
26	LILLIAN L. WHITNEY	94	OAK BLUFFS, MA
27	MILDRED P. DONNELLY	87	CENTERVILLE, MA
AUGUST			
1	MARGARET E. MCBRIDE	86	EDGARTOWN, MA
2	SAMINA KAHN	63	WORCESTER, MA
2	LAWRENCE K. HENNEBERRY, JR	55	OAK BLUFFS, MA
6	RUBIN T. PALMER IV	86	VERO BEACH, FL
6	ANTHONY R. PUWAL	94	EDGARTOWN, MA
18	SAMUEL ALVIN THOMPSON	86	OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	CONSTANCE MCALLISTER	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	WILLIAM EDWARD SWEENEY	60	OAK BLUFFS, MA
SEPTEMBER			
2	FLORENCE MARY SMITH BRUDER	85	OAK BLUFFS, MA
8	SHIRLEY MAY MCCARTHY	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
9	MARY HELEN FEDEROWICZ	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
14	TODD J. FOLLANSBEE	61	WEST TISBURY, MA
17	WILLIAM H. BLAKESLEY JR	91	OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	SUZANNE M. ST. ANDRE	91	WEST TISBURY, MA
20	ROSAMOND CAMARA SANTOS	98	OAK BLUFFS, MA
23	ARTHUR PAUL SILVIA	87	OAK BLUFFS, MA

DEATHS - Continued

Date	Name	Age	Residence
SEPTEMBER			
27	ROBERT A. OSMERS	91	OAK BLUFFS, MA
27	MASHA P. MERCIER	1	EDGARTOWN, MA
OCTOBER			
2	JEROME ORNSTEIN	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA
2	PRESTON GRAY HARRIS	68	CHILMARK, MA
3	RUTH BROWNING KING	91	TISBURY, MA
4	RAYMOND EMERSON FRANKLIN, JR	89	TISBURY, MA
6	MARIAN L. CUTLER	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	CAROLINE M. DEYOUNG	71	EDGARTOWN, MA
26	MARY S. ZIELINSKI	95	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	ALBERTA RUTH ROSE	94	OAK BLUFFS, MA
30	SEBASTIAO BABOSA RODRIGUES	66	OAK BLUFFS, MA
NOVEMBER			
1	ERIK W. NELSON	38	OAK BLUFFS, MA
10	MAURICE HENRY PEASE, JR	90	CHILMARK, MA
15	RALPH CLARK CASE II	62	EDGARTOWN, MA
18	SHIRLEY RUTH PACHICO	81	OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	PETER G. VALENTZAS	89	OAK BLUFFS, MA
DECEMBER			
3	ROBERT STODDARD WEISS	81	HOBE SOUND, FL
4	GLORIA LORRAINE MASON	83	OAK BLUFFS, MA
18	CURTIS ELLSWORTH BOYD	81	EDGARTOWN, MA
24	SUZANNE BOWDEN CROSSLAND	81	TISBURY, MA
27	ROBERT SCOTT GRAUPNER	60	OAK BLUFFS, MA
29	GRAY MACWHORTER BRYAN JR	85	EDGARTOWN, MA
30	JEANETTE M. WELLS	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA

RETURNS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2012

Date	Name	Residence
JANUARY		
8	CHRISTOPHER JAMES DACUNTO SHERYL BURCE ORGANISTA	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
APRIL		
2	MARK ANTHONY COCHENOUR DANIEL DARHL SPATHOLT	REYNOLDSBURG, OH REYNOLDSBURG, OH
4	ALEXANDRE CESAR VIEIRA PIO LEIDIANE ALVES MACIEL	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
8	LAWRENCE A. DEBETTENCOURT EDITH ROUSSEAU	TICONDEROGA, NY OAK BLUFFS, MA
19	MARCO ANTONIO DASILVA MARILDE DASILVA	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
MAY		
27	RITCHIE LEE WILLIAMS DANIELLE ELIZABETH WILSON	MADISON, WI MADISON, WI
JUNE		
2	MATTHEW CONLON PARKER AMANDA MAE DICKSON	EDGARTOWN, MA EDGARTOWN, MA
9	KEVIN ALEXANDER GIBSON MEREDITH JANE WILLIAMS	HOBOKEN, NJ HOBOKEN, NJ
15	ISAIAH PHILLIPS CLAIRE LOUISE PHELAN	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	PATRICK MORGAN MOTT MEREDITH HELEN CONRAD	NEW YORK, NY NEW YORK, NY
23	CHRISTOPHER CHARLES MCMAHON ELIZABETH ANN FORNS	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	ROBERT LOUIS WHRITENOUR, JR JESSICA KAE ERICKSON	FALMOUTH, MA FALMOUTH, MA
30	MARK OLIVER CABABA PEGGY OCKKYUNG KAUH	NEW YORK, NY NEW YORK, NY
JULY		
1	KEITH A. GOLDRICK LEAH HILL GASS	RIVERTON, NJ RIVERTON, NJ
14	JOSHUA CORY BASS DANIEL JAMES ENEA	WINDEMERE, FL WINDEMERE, FL
14	CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL TIMMEL SUZANNE MICHELLE BYRNE STEFAN SIGURDUR W. SIGURDSSON KRISTIN MARY DEPUCCIO	IRVINGTON, NY IRVINGTON, NY NEW CANAAN, CT PLAINVILLE, CT
26	JAMES JOSEPH LANCTOT KAREN LYNNE SMITH	OAK BLUFFS, MA WOONSOCKET, RI
28	JEFFREY ALAN PASSETTI JACQUELINE MARIE SULLIVAN	SYRACUSE, NY SYRACUSE, NY

MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
JULY		
28	HELIO DEOLIVEIRA DA SILVA MARIA JOANA DESOUSA	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
AUGUST		
4	CARLOS VINICIO DE PAULA JOCELYN ANN CIMENO	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
4	ANDRES RANCINES DONNA LYNN BERNSTEIN	ASTORIA, NY BROOKLYN, NY
4	ZENILTON FRANCISCO DASILVA THAIS AHNERT TETZNER	OAK BLUFFS, MA TISBURY, MA
10	ROBERT A. BUCKNER JODY DEAN HALL	DALLAS, TX DALLAS, TX
11	ERIC JAMES BOWEN BENA LUCIA DURAN	LADERA RANCH, CA LADERA RANCH, CA
11	GUSTAVO LUIZ ROSA BATISTA STOILKA SPASOVA SABEVA	OAK BLUFFS OAK BLUFFS
13	GELSON SILVA MELLOW MARCIA CRISTINA CAILLAUX	OAK BLUFFS OAK BLUFFS
18	LEROY W. CARTER CHARMAINE R. PARR	MINEOLA, NY MINEOLA, NY
25	BRIAN KENNETH SMITH TRACEY-ELLEN DEMARS	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
25	KATHRYN SUE WILSON TIFFANY LYNN HOLLER	KENT, OHIO KENT, OHIO
27	JAMES ADOLFO KOCSIS LAURA CELESTE MALCOLM	VENICE, CA VENICE, CA
28	DELMAR DWAYNEY THOMAS KERI LYNNE BEST	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
SEPTEMBER		
7	STEPHEN GEORGE BALUZY RACHEL ANN JONES-BUCKWALD	BROOKFIELD, CT BROOKFIELD, CT
7	PHILIP JOHN O'BRIEN, JR MALINDA ELLEN YOUNG	ROSWELL, GA ROSWELL, GA
8	HOWARD I. BRANDEL MINDY S. LISS	AIRMONT, NY NEW YORK, NY
15	ZACHARY KYLE DELANEY LUCY KATHERINE PATTERSON	NEW LONDON, CT NEW LONDON, CT
15	ADNELSON ROSINI ANA MARIE CECILIO	DANBURY, CT OAK BLUFFS, MA
15	KEITH JENNINGS RIORDAN JENNIE-LEE SMITH	MONTCLAIR, NJ MONTCLAIR, NJ
15	MARY VIRGINIA CARMACK JOLENE KAY ALTWIES	ALBUQUERQUE, NM ALBUQUERQUE, NM

MARRIAGES - Continued

Date	Name	Residence
SEPTEMBER		
22	BRUCE CHARLES MERRILL MARSHA ELDRIDGE GRESSLER	BEVERLY, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	ANDREW WILLIAM FARRISSEY JULIETTE LAURE BITTNER	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
22	RENE PEREIRA DA SILVA AMY LOUISE KOENIG	TISBURY, MA TISBURY, MA
23	BENJAMIN DE FOREST SARAH SAFFORD OMER	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
OCTOBER		
4	RICHARD A. KOHLHEPP CARMEN A. TORRES RODRIQUEZ	PHILADELPHIA, PA PHILADELPHIA, PA
12	DONALD ALAN ALLGOOD JENNIFER BARNES MEAD	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
20	NICHOLAS RYAN TOWNES KATHRYN RUTH DEBETTENCOURT	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	OTONIEL FERNANDES SANTOS MARCELA ALVES DA SILVA	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
NOVEMBER		
4	JAMES DANIEL MARTINO LAURA COLBY EDGAR	EDGARTOWN, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
11	PETER G. JENKINSON PHYLLIS KEOUGH	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
24	DAVID MICHAEL LOPEZ JOHN ROBERT RIESEBECK	SARASOTA, FL ST. PETERSBURG, FL
DECEMBER		
4	RALSTON KEN FRANCIS SHAUNA LEE FULLIN	OAK BLUFFS, MA OAK BLUFFS, MA
27	JUSTIN CHRISTOPHER SMITH CANDICE MERI POPE	WINTER PARK, FL WINTER PARK, FL

PERSONNEL BOARD

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Personnel Board was established to oversee the Oak Bluffs by-laws which provide personnel administration for employees who are not covered by bargaining units. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen and Town Administrator with respect to all employees both union and non-union.

At the end of 2012, Oak Bluffs taxpayers were directly paying for 192 full and part-time employees.

A number of concerns were presented by employees to the Personnel Board for their review and recommendation.

Chief John Rose and Lt. Jason Blandini from the EMS outlined several issues affecting the department due to increased demands on the ambulance service and staff. The EMS is unique in that while under the jurisdiction of the OB By-laws, they are essential personnel and the Ambulance service must be staffed 24 hours. With this in mind the Personnel Board made the following amendments to the OB Bylaws.

Section 9. Added 9.1.4; Normal work week for CCT paramedic/ shift supervisors who work on a 24 hour shift rotation will be 42 hours.

Section 12. Added 12.2.2 EMS employees who work on a designated holiday will be paid straight time plus time and one half for hours worked.

The Board also motioned to implement the pay rate increase that had been appropriated in 2011 for the EMS but delayed due to financial difficulties.

Chief Rose and Lt. Blandini also discussed the restructuring of staffing operations to keep pace with service demands. The Board endorses these changes which include the hiring of two full-time paramedics.

The Board motioned to accept the Sick Leave Bank Policy written by the Human Resources Coordinator. This policy will allow employees to voluntarily donate sick time to a shared bank for the purpose of assisting employees who have exhausted their own sick time due to illness or injury.

Discussion on sick time buy back and longevity being equal for both union and non-union employees, this is part of an ongoing process for consistency in employee contracts.

Review of the annual employee evaluations and goal setting exercise; the Board was appreciative of the responses and valid suggestions put forth by employees.

In-depth discussions on OPEB (Other post-employment benefits) and the unfunded liability the Town faces in the next 30 years with employees retiring on the Town's health insurance. This is a national concern for all

municipalities and Oak Bluffs is on the forefront of investigating solutions on how the Town can pay for this deficit.

During 2012 and January 2013 many changes to Town Hall personnel were made as several key posts left vacant due to budget restraints were filled after several extensive recruiting campaigns. Arthur Gallagher was appointed as the new Town Accountant in March, and within a short time has proven himself a valuable asset. Mikaela Wolfe joined the Oak Bluffs library as the new Reference and Adult Services Librarian. Jonathan Burke filled the vacant Library Assistant post and Sondra Murphy was officially appointed as the new Library Director. With the retirement of Dianne Wilson and Sarah Lolley from the Assessing office, Will Pfluger took over as the Assistant Assessor and David Bailey started as the new Principal Assessor, he comes to us with an impressive resume after working in Falmouth for many years. Scarlett Blair filled the vacant cemetery skilled laborer position. Joe Alosso's retirement as Facilities Manager for Wastewater saw extra duties and responsibilities fall to the Chief Operator Jim Monteith and the Laboratory Technician and Office Administrator Lisa Merritt.

The Personnel Board will undertake the following for 2013:

- Establish a plan and timeline for a wage and classification study for all Town employees. This process needs to be done every 5 years to ensure employee's job descriptions are relevant to duties actually performed and that employees are equitably compensated.
- Implement the completed personnel procedure and policy manual.
- Continue to work on bringing consistency and equitability to all personnel practices, as well as foster open communications with the voters and taxpayers.

The Board would like to thank Wendy Brough, Human Resources Coordinator for her administrative support, and her exemplary work she continues to do on behalf of this Board and Town employees.

Oak Bluffs is fortunate to have many talented and dedicated employees and we sincerely thank them for their hard work and commitment.

Respectfully submitted

GRETCHEN COLEMAN-THOMAS (Chair)
ROBERT BLYTHE
JOHN LOLLEY

WENDY BROUGH
Human Resources Coordinator

**PERSONNEL BOARD
YEAR-END 2012 POSITION COMPENSATION**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>
<u>Ambulance/ Fire</u>					
	Ambulance Director	\$106,087		Grade 1 Teacher	\$78,756
	Fire Chief	\$18,774		Grade 1 Teacher	\$85,021
	EMT Lieutenant	\$78,543		Grade 2 Teacher	\$88,234
	Administrative Assistant	\$47,413		Grade 2 Teacher	\$87,094
	Paramedic	\$74,263		Grade 2 Teacher	\$83,821
	Paramedic	\$54,925		Grade 3 Teacher	\$90,809
	Paramedic	\$66,064		Grade 3 Teacher	\$65,267
	Paramedic	\$61,855		Grade 4 Teacher	\$62,249
	Paramedic	\$64,867		Grade 4 Teacher	\$74,313
	Paramedic (9 mths)	\$40,632		Grade 4 Teacher	\$78,054
	EMT	\$57,127		Grade 5 Teacher	\$61,077
<u>Council On Aging</u>				Grade 5 Teacher	\$83,191
	COA Director	\$58,903		Grade 5 Teacher	\$81,500
	Assistant Director	\$43,572		Grade 6 / 7 Social Studies	\$24,211
	Outreach Coordinator	\$35,416		Grade 8 Social Studies	\$83,555
<u>Highway</u>				Grade 8 Math	\$90,639
	Highway Superintendent	\$91,620		Grade 7 Math	\$91,696
	Office Administrator	\$49,181		Grade 6/7 Language Arts	\$83,196
	Foreman	\$62,949		Grade 8 Language Arts	\$79,524
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$60,214		Science 6 & 7 Teacher	\$53,877
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$46,814		Science 8 Teacher	\$68,645
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$51,728		Reading Recovery Teacher	\$74,058
	Heavy Equipment Operator	\$48,913		Physical Education Teacher	\$83,696
	Skilled Laborer	\$45,318		ESL teacher	\$75,638
	Skilled Laborer	\$48,730		Physical Education / Health Teacher	\$58,389
	Custodian	\$24,238		Home Education Teacher	\$40,762
	Custodian	\$21,902		Art Teacher	\$80,407
<u>Library</u>				Reading Teacher	\$90,645
	Acting Library Director	\$58,078		Math Resource Teacher	\$48,161
	Library Associate	\$43,559		Math Resource Teacher	\$13,043
	Library Assistant	\$35,926		Instrumental Music	\$37,984
	Library Assistant (Part - Time)	\$21,965		Spanish Teacher	\$73,711
<u>Marina</u>				Music Teacher	\$86,295
	Marina Manager/ Harbormaster	\$78,576		Reading Teacher	\$65,573
	Administrative Assistant	\$23,335		Industrial Arts Teacher	\$42,057
<u>School</u>				Teacher Assistant	\$26,288
	Oak Bluffs Principal	\$108,385		Teacher Assistant	\$17,071
	Assistant Principal	\$102,163		School Librarian	\$83,771
	School Secretary	\$54,691		Library Assistant	\$25,421
	School Secretary	\$47,093		Special Needs Grade 6 / 7	\$76,506
	School Secretary	\$41,062		Special Needs Grade 4 / 5	\$65,710
	Kindergarten Teacher	\$35,549		Special Needs Grade K, 1 & 3	\$87,768
	Kindergarten Teacher	\$88,463		Special Needs Grade 7 / 8	\$88,335
	Kindergarten Teacher	\$52,533		SPED Teacher	\$72,930
	Kindergarten Teacher	\$84,446		SPED Teacher	\$19,516
	Kindergarten Assistant	\$25,468		SPED Assistant	\$29,600
	Kindergarten Assistant	\$24,942		SPED Assistant	\$26,785
	Kindergarten Assistant	\$26,992		SPED Assistant	\$24,342
	Grade 1 Teacher	\$91,126		SPED Assistant	\$48,360
				SPED Assistant	\$18,630

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>
	SPED Assistant	\$26,553
	SPED Assistant	\$30,097
	SPED Assistant	\$30,715
	Computer Teacher	\$89,050
	Computer Technician	\$65,888
	Guidance Counsellor	\$69,580
	Guidance Counsellor	\$88,090
	School Nurse	\$61,891
	School Custodian	\$60,486
	Head School Custodian	\$63,198
	School Custodian	\$59,331
	School Head Cook	\$41,239
	Café Helper	\$21,666
	Café Helper	\$12,627
	Assistant Cook	\$25,803

Shellfish

Shellfish Constable	\$69,540
Natural Resource Officer	\$33,956

Town Hall

Town Administrator	\$114,066
Selectmen Office Administrator	\$61,619
Selectmen Admin. Assistant	\$45,115
Human Resources Coordinator	\$23,157
Town Clerk	\$77,391
Assistant Town Clerk	\$48,192
Board of Registrars Assistant(part-time)	\$13,275
Building Inspector	\$60,989
Information Technology Director	\$75,891
Principal Assessor	\$70,540
Assistant Assessor (part-time, 8 mths)	\$25,686
Town Accountant (9 mths)	\$55,443

<u>Department</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Compensation</u>
	Assistant Accountant	\$45,572
	Treasurer	\$70,540
	Tax Collector	\$70,040
	Tax Collector Admin. Assistant	\$38,485
	Conservation Agent	\$62,323
	Health Agent	\$68,540
	Health / Building Admin. Assistant	\$41,838

Wastewater

Chief Operator	\$72,659
Mechanic/ Operator	\$58,614
Office Admin. / Lab Tech	\$60,350

Total Compensation Quinn Bill exluding overtime

Police

Police Chief	\$21,976	\$131,930
Police Lieutenant	\$18,792	\$112,752
Police Sergeant	\$22,310	\$111,593
Police Sergeant		\$83,477
Detective	\$19,398	\$97,040
Police Officer	\$19,398	\$97,040
Police Officer	\$19,398	\$97,040
Police Officer	\$19,398	\$97,040
Police Officer (6 mths)		\$39,202
Police Officer	\$14,856	\$89,157
Police Officer	\$14,355	\$86,172
Police Officer		\$69,071
Police Officer (7 mths)		\$40,762
Executive Assistant		\$51,166
Administrative Assistant		\$44,662

FINANCE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
And the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the full and fair valuation of all Oak Bluffs real and personal property for the purpose of the equitable distribution of the property tax burden. In order to attain that goal, the assessors maintain an extensive database containing the property characteristics of each parcel of real property in the Town, as well as all items of taxable personal property. Additionally, the assessors regularly collect and analyze data pertaining to real estate transactions, costs of land acquisition and building construction, commercial market rents, vacancies, and expenses, and land use issues to assist them in the determination of market value.

Massachusetts General Laws dictate that property be assessed at full and fair valuation as of January 1st preceding the beginning of each fiscal year. We do this through an Interim Adjustment Program. Assessments are based on the previous calendar years' sales. In order to meet the minimum number of qualified sales for the Department of Revenue we will be using sales from calendar years 2010 and 2011.

The Principal Assessor and the Asst. Assessor work extremely hard to make sure that the values, tax rate and tax bills are finished timely.

The values on the average single family home for Fiscal year 2013 decreased to \$512,308.

Using this value, the tax bill for the average residence increased from approximately \$3,890.47 to \$3,949.90. This is an increase of \$59.43 over last year. The Fiscal Year 2013 tax rate is \$7.71 up from \$7.39.

At this time I would like to thank the Boards of Selectmen and Assessors for the opportunity to be part of the inner workings of the Town of Oak Bluffs. I really do love my job. This has made it harder for me to decide to retire. I will miss the other department heads, office workers and even the taxpayers! I hope that the new Assessor, David Bailey, enjoys working in Oak Bluffs as much as I did. Please welcome him. Thanks for the memories!

2012 TAX COMMITMENTS

Real Property (FY13)	\$ 19,910,562.61
Wastewater Special	
Assessment & Interest	\$ 403,537.00
Personal Property (FY13)	\$ 389,731.99
Motor Vehicle Excise (CY12)	\$ 588,314.23
CPA	\$ 464,721.37
Wastewater Lien & Interest	\$ 35,163.72
Boat (FY13)	\$ 12,899.00
Water Lien	\$ 41,291.83
Total Tax Commitments	\$ 21,846,221.75

2012 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Clause 17D	
(Elderly, Surviving Spouse)	\$ 4,561.92
Clause 22 (Veterans)	\$ 10,150.00
Clause 41C (Elderly)	\$ 31,000.00
Total Tax Exemptions	\$ 45,711.92

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE B. LAW, III, Chairman

MARIE ALLEN

DIANNE WILSON, MAA, Principal Assessor

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2012

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Long-Term Obligation	Combined
ASSETS							
Cash	1,025,136.56	4,007,055.39	557,786.66	607,433.15	1,282,962.16		7,480,373.92
Petty Cash	305.00						305.00
Receivables:							
Real Estate	1,260,484.32						1,260,484.32
Property Taxes	37,577.76						37,577.76
Community Preservation		29,978.06					29,978.06
Tax Title	1,892,046.22	16,364.70		82,085.25			1,990,496.17
Deferred Taxes	143,264.31						143,264.31
Motor Vehicle Excise	194,275.43						194,275.43
Boat Excise	4,577.14						4,577.14
Ambulance		2,065,826.81					2,065,826.81
User Charges				174,304.25			174,304.25
Liens added to Taxes	20,906.56			11,629.11			32,535.67
Betterments				91,777.07			91,777.07
Tax Foreclosures	24,045.43	-					24,045.43
Due from State		247,544.00					247,544.00
Amounts to be provided for LTD		247,544.00	1,850,000.00			17,434,814.56	19,532,358.56
Total Assets	4,602,618.73	6,614,312.96	2,407,786.66	967,228.83	1,282,962.16	17,434,814.56	33,309,723.90
Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	298,648.23	23,414.04	5,925.00	13,552.88			341,540.15
Accrued Payroll		20,919.00					20,919.00
Payroll Withholdings	138,923.47						138,923.47
Allowance for Abatements	233,131.89						233,131.89

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Long-Term Obligation	Combined
Deferred Revenue	3,344,045.28	2,364,084.30		359,795.68			6,067,925.26
Taxes Paid in Advance	16,304.96	417.23		36,281.96			53,004.15
Police Details					(36,499.35)		(36,499.35)
Other Liabilities	19,557.31	247,544.00	1,850,000.00		35,349.42		54,906.73
Bond Anticipation Notes						17,434,814.56	2,097,544.00
L/T Debt							17,434,814.56
Total Liabilities	4,050,611.14	2,656,378.57	1,855,925.00	409,630.52	(1,149.93)	17,434,814.56	26,406,209.86
Fund Balance							
Reserved for Expenditures							-
Reserved for Encumbrances & Articles Carried Forward	651,554.04	698,532.95		169,816.25			1,519,903.24
Reserved for Open Space							-
Reserved for Historic Preservation							-
Reserved for Community Housing							-
Unreserved for Revenue Deficits							-
Unreserved for Appropriation Deficits							-
Unreserved for Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions	(201.82)						(201.82)
Unreserved and Undesignated/Retained Earnings	(99,344.63)	3,259,401.44	551,861.66	387,782.06	1,284,112.09		5,383,812.62
Total Fund Balance	552,007.59	3,957,934.39	551,861.66	557,598.31	1,284,112.09	-	6,903,514.04
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	4,602,618.73	6,614,312.96	2,407,786.66	967,228.83	1,282,962.16	17,434,814.56	33,309,723.90

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - CAPITAL PROJECTS
JUNE 30, 2012

	Fund 30 Bond Funds	Fund 31 Library	Combined
ASSETS			
Cash	524,380.02	33,406.64	557,786.66
Petty Cash			-
Receivables:			-
Real Estate			-
Property Taxes			-
Community Preservation			-
Tax Liens			-
Deferred Taxes			-
Motor Vehicle Excise			-
Boat Excise			-
Ambulance			-
User Charges			-
Liens added to Taxes			-
Betterments			-
Tax Foreclosures			-
Due from State			-
Amounts to be provided for LTD	1,850,000.00		1,850,000.00
Total Assets	<u>2,374,380.02</u>	<u>33,406.64</u>	<u>2,407,786.66</u>
Liabilities			
Warrants Payable	5,925.00		5,925.00
Accrued Payroll			-
Payroll Withholdings			-
Allowance for Abatements			-
Deferred Revenue			-
Taxes Paid in Advance			-
Police Details			-
Other Liabilities			-
Bond Anticipation Notes	1,850,000.00		1,850,000.00
L/T Debt			-
Total Liabilities	<u>1,855,925.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,855,925.00</u>
Fund Balance			
Reserved for Expenditures			-
Reserved for Encumbrances & Articles Carried Forward			-
Reserved for Open Space			-
Reserved for Historic Preservation			-
Reserved for Community Housing			-
Unreserved for Revenue Deficits			-
Unreserved for Appropriation Deficits			-
Unreserved for Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions			-
Unreserved and Undesignated/Retained Earnings	518,455.02	33,406.64	551,861.66
Total Fund Balance	<u>518,455.02</u>	<u>33,406.64</u>	<u>551,861.66</u>
			-
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>2,374,380.02</u>	<u>33,406.64</u>	<u>2,407,786.66</u>

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUES
JUNE 30, 2012

	Fund 12 School Lunch	Fund 13 Highway Fund	Fund 14 Revolving Fund	Fund 15 Reserve for Approp	Fund 16 Federal Grants	Fund 17 State Grants	Fund 28 Community Preservation	Fund 29 Other Special Revenue	Combined
ASSETS									
Cash	8,971.77	13,847.18	856,817.35	285,425.58	60,693.14	492,620.00	2,180,637.80	108,042.57	4,007,055.39
Petty Cash									-
Receivables:									-
Real Estate									-
Property Taxes									-
Community Preservation							29,978.06		29,978.06
Tax Title							16,364.70		16,364.70
Deferred Taxes									-
Motor Vehicle Excise									-
Boat Excise									-
Ambulance			2,065,826.81						2,065,826.81
User Charges									-
Liens added to Taxes									-
Betterments									-
Tax Foreclosures									-
Due from State		247,544.00							247,544.00
Amounts to be provided for LTD		247,544.00							247,544.00
Total Assets	8,971.77	508,935.18	2,922,644.16	285,425.58	60,693.14	492,620.00	2,226,980.56	108,042.57	6,614,312.96
Liabilities									
Warrants Payable	2,188.10	3,873.37	16,629.57			-	723.00	-	23,414.04
Accrued Payroll	-	-	-		20,919.00				20,919.00
Payroll Withholdings									-
Allowance for Abateements									-
Deferred Revenue		247,544.00	2,065,826.81				50,713.49		2,364,084.30
Taxes Paid in Advance								417.23	417.23
Police Details									-
Other Liabilities									-

	Fund 12 School Lunch	Fund 13 Highway Fund	Fund 14 Revolving Fund	Fund 15 Reserve for Approp	Fund 16 Federal Grants	Fund 17 State Grants	Fund 28 Community Preservation	Fund 29 Other Special Revenue	Combined
Bond Anticipation Notes		247,544.00							247,544.00
L/T Debt									-
Total Liabilities	2,188.10	498,961.37	2,082,456.38	-	20,919.00	-	51,853.72	-	2,656,378.57
Fund Balance									-
Reserved for Expenditures									-
Reserved for									-
Encumbrances & Articles									-
Carried Forward	7,478.67						691,054.28		698,532.95
Reserved for Open Space									-
Reserved for Historic									-
Preservation									-
Reserved for Community									-
Housing									-
Unreserved for Revenue									-
Deficits									-
Unreserved for									-
Appropriation Deficits									-
Unreserved for Unprovided									-
Abatements & Exemptions									-
Unreserved and Undesignated									-
/Retained Earnings (695.00)		9,973.81	840,187.78	285,425.58	39,774.14	492,620.00	1,484,072.56	108,042.57	3,259,401.44
Total Fund Balance	6,783.67	9,973.81	840,187.78	285,425.58	39,774.14	492,620.00	2,175,126.84	108,042.57	3,957,934.39
									-
Total Liabilities and									
Fund Balance	8,971.77	508,935.18	2,922,644.16	285,425.58	60,693.14	492,620.00	2,226,980.56	108,042.57	6,614,312.96

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - TRUST & AGENCY
JUNE 30, 2012

	Fund 82 Expendable	Fund 84 Non-Expendable	Fund 89 Agency	Combined
ASSETS				
Cash	1,268,178.25	15,933.84	(1,149.93)	1,282,962.16
Petty Cash				-
Receivables:				-
Real Estate				-
Property Taxes				-
Community Preservation				-
Tax Liens				-
Deferred Taxes				-
Motor Vehicle Excise				-
Boat Excise				-
Ambulance				-
User Charges				-
Liens added to Taxes				-
Betterments				-
Tax Foreclosures				-
Due from State				-
Amounts to be provided for LTD				-
Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation				-
Total Assets	<u>1,268,178.25</u>	<u>15,933.84</u>	<u>(1,149.93)</u>	<u>1,282,962.16</u>
Liabilities				
Warrants Payable				-
Accrued Payroll				-
Payroll Withholdings				-
Allowance for Abatements				-
Deferred Revenue				-
Taxes Paid in Advance				-
Police Details			(36,499.35)	(36,499.35)
Other Liabilities				-
Bond Anticipation Notes			35,349.42	35,349.42
L/T Debt				-
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,149.93)</u>	<u>(1,149.93)</u>
Fund Balance				
Reserved for Expenditures				-
Reserved for Encumbrances & Articles Carried Forward				-
Reserved for Open Space				-
Reserved for Historic Preservation				-
Reserved for Community Housing				-
Unreserved for Revenue Deficits				-
Unreserved for Appropriation Deficits				-
Unreserved for Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions				-
Unreserved and Undesignated/				
Retained Earnings	1,268,178.25		15,933.84	1,284,112.09
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,268,178.25</u>	<u>15,933.84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,284,112.09</u>
				-
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>1,268,178.25</u>	<u>15,933.84</u>	<u>(1,149.93)</u>	<u>1,282,962.16</u>

Town of Oak Bluffs
Fund Balance by Project - Special Revenue Funds
FY12 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FUND-PROJECT	ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/2011	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE 6/30/2012
14 -3499	FD BAL- MARINA REPAIRS	(4,640.89)	6,640.89	2,000.00	0.00
14 -3507	FUND BAL- OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS	1,994.40			1,994.40
14 -3508	CONSERVATION CONSULTING	10,000.00	16,000.00	2,500.00	23,500.00
14 -3561	FD BAL-INSURANCE RECOVERY	(19.21)	13,889.31	13,859.31	10.79
14 -3562	FD BAL-SHELLFISH FUND	14,632.96	12,978.75	15,425.24	12,186.47
14 -3563	FD BAL-WETLAND PROTECTION	26,060.98	4,235.00	1,002.50	29,293.48
14 -3564	FD BAL-PARKS & RECREATION	(358.95)	26,511.49	23,671.26	2,481.28
14 -3565	F.B-SALE OF COMPOST BINS	283.11			283.11
14 -3566	F.B-AMBULANCE SERVICE	374,438.25	1,500,956.60	1,104,956.60	770,438.25
	TOTAL FUND 14 FUND BALANCE	422,390.65	1,581,212.04	1,163,414.91	840,187.78
15 -3303	FD BAL-SALE OF CEM. LOTS	46,320.00	15,900.00		62,220.00
15 -3304	FD BAL-WATERWAY IMPROV.	82,211.01	26,459.11	95,142.54	13,527.58
15 -3305	FD BAL-FERRY FEES	203,857.50	194,640.50	188,820.00	209,678.00
	TOTAL FUND 15 FUND BALANCE	332,388.51	236,999.61	283,962.54	285,425.58
16 -3510	FEMA REIMBURSEMENT		12,943.14	12,943.14	0.00
16 -3607	WAST WATER USDA		109,711.00	109,711.00	0.00
16 -3511	CHAPTER 1 GRANT		55,636.00	55,636.00	0.00
16 -3608	JOBS GRANT		39,758.00	38,299.50	1,458.50
16 -3513	FD BAL-EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY	(702.00)			(702.00)
16 -3514	FD BAL-LOCAL PREPAREDNESS	(12,991.42)			(12,991.42)
16 -3515	FB BAL-BIOTERROR	8,503.39	2,000.00	6,587.00	3,916.39
16 -3516	FD BAL-C.O.P.S.	(3,570.30)	85,460.98	59,057.10	22,833.58
16 -3535	FD BAL-SMALL CITIES GRANT	83,746.16	348,781.09	407,268.16	25,259.09
	TOTAL FUND 16 FUND BALANCE	74,985.83	654,290.21	689,501.90	39,774.14
17- 3509	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRT		3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
17 -3502	FD BAL- SPED PLACEMENT	31,466.68	56,094.00	47,143.35	40,417.33
17 -3510	FD BAL-BIKE PATH-#7829	27,086.10			27,086.10
17 -3529	FD BAL-LIBRARY INCENTIVE	7,015.24	1,881.38		8,896.62
17 -3530	FD BAL-LIB. MUN. EQUAL.	2,318.94	236.37		2,555.31
17 -3531	FD BAL-STATE CENSUS	12,560.26	976.00	1,287.07	12,249.19
17 -3532	FD BAL-ELDERLY PROGRAMS	2,045.30	6,931.00	7,458.35	1,517.95
17 -3533	FD BAL-DRUG TASK GRANT	-	7,530.22	6,524.64	1,005.58
17 -3539	FD BAL-STATE BEACH (9604)	4,096.26			4,096.26
17 -3540	FD BAL-N/R OFFSET AWARD	18,019.19	3,469.44		21,488.63
17 -3541	FD BAL-PUMP-OUT BOAT	1,567.34	6,736.08	7,501.10	802.32
17 -3543	FD BAL-LIBRARY LSTA GRANT	5,098.39	(3,794.84)	1,303.56	(0.01)
17 -3546	FD BAL-POLICE BULLET VEST	-			0.00
17 -3547	FD BAL-EOCD-SEPTIC REPAIR	109,391.15		8,525.00	100,866.15
17 -3550	FD BAL-COMMUNITY POLICE	247.20			247.20
17 -3555	FD DARE ROPES COURSE	514.92			514.92
17 -3556	GHSB POLICE GRANT	(3,552.61)	6,265.44	5,312.43	(2,599.60)
17 -3557	SEAWALL REPAIR GRANT	182.21		675.47	(493.26)
17 -3568	SCHOOL CHOICE FUNDS	436,646.67	275,702.00	367,070.31	345,278.36
17 -3602	F/B - EAST CHOP PUDDLE GRANT	(72,990.14)			(72,990.14)

FUND- PROJECT	ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
		7/1/2011			6/30/2012
17 -3603	F/B WABAN ALLEY PARK	(171,903.03)	246,618.63	74,715.60	0.00
17 -3604	NO SEAWALL GRANT	1,681.09	1,681.09		
	TOTAL FUND 17 FUND BALANCE	411,491.16	611,645.72	530,516.88	492,620.00
29 -3501	FD-BAL LAGOON POND WATER TEST	245.00			245.00
29 -3506	HISTORICAL COMM. DONATIONS	182.50	4,000.00	4,000.00	182.50
29 -3569	FD BAL-OLD LIBRARY CONVERSION	200.00			200.00
29 -3570	FIRE DEPT MEMORIAL DONATIONS	980.00	50.00		1,030.00
29 -3571	FD BAL-COA DONATION	8,361.23	1,425.00	4,341.26	5,444.97
29 -3572	FD BAL-COA OUTREACH DONATIONS	331.96			331.96
29 -3573	FD BAL-PLANNING BOARD DONATION	20,000.00			20,000.00
29 -3574	FD BAL-O B FESTIVAL FUND	(11,352.71)			(11,352.71)
29 -3575	FD BAL-EMER MGMNT BOAT DONTNS	4,293.69		2,112.40	2,181.29
29 -3577	FD BAL-PARK/REC. DONATION	550.80			550.80
29 -3578	FD BAL-SHELLFISH DREDGE	500.00			500.00
29 -3580	FD BAL- SAVE SENGE FUND	4,002.20			4,002.20
29 -3581	FD BAL-LIBRARY DONATIONS	43,031.72	7,031.60	13,907.39	36,155.93
29 -3582	FD BAL-SCH SCHOLARSHIP	4,543.60	500.00	500.00	4,543.60
29 -3583	FD BAL-HISTORIC FIRE FUND	13,059.60			13,059.60
29 -3585	FD BAL-PARKING MITIGATION FUND	8,201.00			8,201.00
29 -3586	FD BAL-NIANTIC PARK	405.00			405.00
29 -3587	FD BAL-MV HOSPITAL	(222.00)		824.00	(1,046.00)
29 -3588	FD BAL-LIBRARY CAMPAIGN	29,309.60			29,309.60
29 -3589	FD BAL-PUBLIC RESTROOMS	330.86			330.86
29 -3600	CONSERVATION FUND	479.00			479.00
29 -3606	FB RES - COA COLLABORATIVE	18,700.55	51,670.00	77,082.58	(6,712.03)
	TOTAL FUND 29 FUND BALANCE	146,133.60	64,676.60	102,767.63	108,042.57

Town of Oak Bluffs
Fund Balance by Project -Capital Projects
FY12 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FUND- PROJECT	ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
		7/1/2011			6/30/2012
30 -3122	FD BAL-WW PRIMARY CLARIFIER	15,261.32	8,037.67	8,037.67	15,261.32
30 -3126	FD BAL-PUB. WHARF PH III	99,282.74			99,282.74
30 -3127	FD BAL-BULKHEAD RECONST	16,943.93			16,943.93
30 -3129	FD BAL-WASTEWATER PROJECT	16,263.61			16,263.61
30 -3131	LEONARDO PROPERTY	100,000.00		100,000.00	0.00
30 -3133	FD BAL- SENGE DREDGING	(415,968.13)	570,624.40	20,745.72	133,910.55
30 -3605	FB WW FAC IMP	(908,669.13)	1,652,167.00	506,705.00	236,792.87
	TOTAL FUND 30 FUND BALANCE	(1,076,885.66)	2,230,829.07	635,488.39	518,455.02
31 -3132	FD BAL.-LIBRARY PROJECT	33,406.64			33,406.64

Town of Oak Bluffs
Fund/Agency Balance by Project - Trust & Agency
FY12 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

FUND-PROJECT	ACCOUNT NAME	BALANCE 7/1/2011	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE 6/30/2012
82 -3279	FD BAL- GASB STABILIZATION	152,923.42	32,657.18		185,580.60
82 -3280	FD BAL-CEM PERPETUAL CARE	6,505.00	28.94	1,750.30	4,783.64
82 -3281	FD BAL-SOLID WASTE STAB	100,755.56	160.02		100,915.58
82 -3282	FD BAL-RESIDENT HOME SITE	751.24	5.52	39.00	717.76
82 -3283	FD BAL-STABILIZATION FD.	902,223.29	2,787.22		905,010.51
82 -3284	FD BAL-MUNICIPAL BLDG FD.	9,657.78	19.31		9,677.09
82 -3286	FD BAL-A K BARBEY POOR FD	47,613.23	105.17		47,718.40
82 -3287	FD BAL-R. CLARKE POOR FD	6,878.88	15.77		6,894.65
82 -3288	FD BAL-I. NORTON POOR FD	6,864.30	15.72		6,880.02
TOTAL FUND 82 FUND BALANCE		1,234,172.70	35,794.85	1,789.30	1,268,178.25

		END BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
84 -3280	FD BAL-CEM PERPETUAL CARE	8,933.84			8,933.84
84 -3286	FD BAL-A K BARBEY POOR FD	5,000.00			5,000.00
84 -3287	FD BAL-R. CLARKE POOR FD	1,000.00			1,000.00
84 -3288	FD BAL-I. NORTON POOR FD	1,000.00			1,000.00
TOTAL FUND 84 FUND BALANCE		15,933.84			15,933.84

<i>Agency Liabilities:</i>		END BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
89 -2580	POLICE PAID DETAILS	(29,352.59)	165,771.65	172,918.41	(36,499.35)
89 -2581	SCHOOL CUSTODIAL	(325.83)	1,225.00	986.16	(86.99)
89 -2582	SCHOOL-STUDENT ACTIVITIES	20,600.56	95,239.40	89,996.03	25,843.93
89 -2583	FISH & GAME	711.35	2,622.10	2,737.75	595.70
89 -2584	FIREARM PERMITS	450.00	7,555.50		8,005.50
89- 2586	ANIMAL CONTROL BOND	200.00			200.00
89- 2589	SCHOOL E RATE	791.28			791.28
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES		21,436.08	107,633.28	93,719.94	35,349.42

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
REVENUE REPORT FY 2012
GENERAL FUND**

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	BALANCE (FAV) UNFAV
01122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
PHOTOCOPY FEE		22.20	(22.20)
TELE-MEDIA LICENSE FEES	100.00	1,454.50	(1,354.50)
RENTAL/PARKING LOT	3,000.00	3,000.50	(0.50)
RENTAL TO STEAMSHIP AUTH.		8,744.50	(8,744.50)
LEASE OF BUS SPACES		5,000.00	(5,000.00)
ALCOHOL LICENSES	108,990.00	97,285.00	11,705.00
MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES	14,035.00	19,139.95	(5,104.95)
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS	2,400.00	3,111.25	(711.25)
YARD SALE PERMITS	200.00	240.00	(40.00)
COMM. SHELLFISH PERMIT	825.00	1,275.00	(450.00)
TAXICAB PERMITS	8,700.00	7,130.00	1,570.00
OTHER BUSINESS PERMITS	950.00		950.00
MOPED LICENSE FEES	7,100.00	7,160.00	(60.00)
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,300.00	348.05	2,951.95
PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMM.	1,400.00		1,400.00
COUNTY PARKING REVENUE	44,100.00	49,101.58	(5,001.58)
REFUNDS		153.99	(153.99)
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN	195,100.00	203,166.52	(8,066.52)
01141 ASSESSORS			
ASSESSORS DATA LIST	1,300.00	1,973.00	(673.00)
TOTAL ASSESSORS	1,300.00	1,973.00	(673.00)
01145 TOWN TREASURER			
TAX LIENS REDEEMED		248,821.83	(248,821.83)
WATER TAX LIENS		(3,998.05)	3,998.05
WATER LIEN-TT		3,630.20	(3,630.20)
PENALTY/INT.-TAX TITLE	53,000.00	77,186.85	(24,186.85)
PENALTY/INT - WATER LIENS		982.00	(982.00)
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	9,500.00	9,833.10	(333.10)
FEE-BOUNCE CHECKS	200.00	295.00	(95.00)
LEGAL FEES	1,300.00		1,300.00
LAND COURT FEES	1,200.00	1,024.96	175.04
EARNINGS ON MONEY MARKET	17,000.00	10,598.41	6,401.59
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	5,900.00	2,301.88	3,598.12
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	88,100.00	350,676.18	(262,576.18)
01146 TAX COLLERTOR			
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2008		61.18	(61.18)
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2009		547.12	(547.12)
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2010		1,134.12	(1,134.12)
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2011		19,912.19	(19,912.19)
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2012	385,297.45	349,205.94	36,091.51
PERSONAL PROPERTY-2013		377.17	(377.17)
REAL ESTATE-2010		20,239.73	(20,239.73)
REAL ESTATE-2011		677,859.62	(677,859.62)
REAL ESTATE-2012	18,689,283.69	17,326,612.03	1,362,671.66

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	BALANCE (FAV) UNFAV
REAL ESTATE -2013		(16,304.96)	16,304.96
ABATE & EXEMPTS (BUDGET ONLY)	(171,767.82)		(171,767.82)
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERT	6,400.00	9,825.00	(3,425.00)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2000		41.25	(41.25)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2001		69.38	(69.38)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2002		90.00	(90.00)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2003		110.00	(110.00)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2005		136.25	(136.25)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2007		756.86	(756.86)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2008		1,112.02	(1,112.02)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2009		2,239.57	(2,239.57)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2010		12,355.88	(12,355.88)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2011		144,466.68	(144,466.68)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-2012	550,000.00	453,572.75	96,427.25
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1986		21.25	(21.25)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1987		16.25	(16.25)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1988		53.85	(53.85)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1989		30.00	(30.00)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1990		55.00	(55.00)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1991		30.00	(30.00)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1992		22.50	(22.50)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1994		21.25	(21.25)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1995		118.76	(118.76)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1996		21.25	(21.25)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1998		58.75	(58.75)
MOTOR VEH EXCISE-1999		27.50	(27.50)
BOAT EXCISE-2010		40.00	(40.00)
BOAT EXCISE-2011		627.90	(627.90)
BOAT EXCISE-2012	4,000.00	10,329.14	(6,329.14)
PENALTY/INT-PROPERTY TAX	128,000.00	117,701.04	10,298.96
PENALTY/INT-EXCISE TAXES	17,000.00	18,977.21	(1,977.21)
RMV-NON RENEWAL SURCHARGE	8,300.00	10,180.00	(1,880.00)
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	4,700.00	80.99	4,619.01
TOTAL TAX COLLERTOR	19,621,213.32	19,162,832.42	458,380.90
01161 TOWN CLERK			
VOTING & STREET LISTS		15.00	(15.00)
LICENSE/PERMITS	1,280.00	1,485.00	(205.00)
TOWN CLERK MISC. RECEIPTS	13,800.00	15,724.10	(1,924.10)
DOG LICENSES	4,700.00	3,770.00	930.00
CIVIL MV INFRACTIONS	2,500.00	3,521.00	(1,021.00)
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	22,280.00	24,515.10	(2,235.10)
01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
PHOTOCOPY FEE	200.00		200.00
FILING FEES	1,600.00	1,415.00	185.00
CAMP LEASE	9,000.00	8,500.00	500.00
RENTALS OF SAILING CAMP	48,000.00	46,487.50	1,512.50
RENTAL/DEPOSIT (SAILING)		1,050.00	(1,050.00)
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	58,800.00	57,452.50	1,347.50

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		BUDGET REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	BALANCE (FAV) UNFAV
01175	PLANNING BOARD			
	FILING FEES	1,300.00	1,300.00	
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	1,300.00	1,300.00	
01210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	POLICE DETAIL SERVICE CHG	7,100.00	10,441.50	(3,341.50)
	LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS	960.00	2,059.50	(1,099.50)
	PARKING STICKERS	200.00	1,600.00	(1,400.00)
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	700.00		700.00
	COPIES OF POLICE REPORTS	400.00	603.38	(203.38)
	TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	9,360.00	14,704.38	(5,344.38)
01220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	FIRE INSPECTION FEES	1,000.00	4,680.00	(3,680.00)
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		5.00	(5.00)
	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,000.00	4,685.00	(3,685.00)
01241	BUILDING INSPECTOR			
	SMOKE INSPECTION FEE	3,800.00	5,000.00	(1,200.00)
	OIL BURNER INSPECTION FEE	800.00	1,620.00	(820.00)
	GAS INSPECTION FEE	8,500.00	12,080.00	(3,580.00)
	WIRING INSPECTION FEE	20,300.00	32,010.00	(11,710.00)
	PLUMBING INSPECTION FEE	12,700.00	14,310.00	(1,610.00)
	TANK INSPECTION FEE	3,900.00	2,960.00	940.00
	FILING FEES	8,000.00	11,265.00	(3,265.00)
	PLUMBING PERMITS	8,750.00	8,760.00	(10.00)
	BUILDING PERMITS	54,575.00	65,504.75	(10,929.75)
	WIRING PERMITS	12,150.00	17,320.00	(5,170.00)
	SMOKE DETECTOR PERMITS	920.00	1,250.00	(330.00)
	TANK PERMITS	950.00	740.00	210.00
	OIL BURNER PERMITS	200.00	390.00	(190.00)
	SIGN PERMITS	350.00	150.00	200.00
	GAS PERMITS	8,400.00	8,870.00	(470.00)
	BUILDING INSP. MISC.	1,000.00	881.20	118.80
	HOME BUSINESS REG FEES	400.00	470.00	(70.00)
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	145,695.00	183,580.95	(37,885.95)
01296	MARINA			
	SLIP FEES	865,000.00	831,451.89	33,548.11
	MOORING FEES		175.00	(175.00)
	TOTAL MARINA	865,000.00	831,626.89	33,373.11
01300	SCHOOL			
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	4,000.00	1,583.02	2,416.98
	MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS	14,000.00		14,000.00
	TOTAL SCHOOL	18,000.00	1,583.02	16,416.98
01421	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
	HOUSEHOLD TRASH STICKERS	211,000.00	232,470.00	(21,470.00)
	MISC. GAS REVENUE	16,000.00	16,592.56	(592.56)
	MISC REV TOKENS	2,000.00	2,368.00	(368.00)
	NON RECURRING REVENUE		12,320.17	(12,320.17)
	TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	229,000.00	263,750.73	(34,750.73)

	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE	BALANCE (FAV) UNFAV
01519	BOARD OF HEALTH			
	SEPTIC HAULERS' LICENSE	1,400.00	1,400.00	
	PHOTOCOPY FEE		8.00	(8.00)
	REFUSE HAULERS LICENSE	2,400.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMIT	5,250.00	5,500.00	(250.00)
	DESIGN APPLICATION	18,825.00	17,450.00	1,375.00
	FOOD ESTABLISH PERMIT	29,100.00	30,450.00	(1,350.00)
	PUMPOUT SEPTIC PERMITS	3,690.00	6,150.00	(2,460.00)
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,000.00	2,630.00	370.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	63,665.00	64,788.00	(1,123.00)
01610	LIBRARY			
	PHOTOCOPY FEE	2,560.00	3,297.00	(737.00)
	LIBRARY FINES & FEES	10,440.00	11,666.45	(1,226.45)
	LIBRARY TOTAL	13,000.00	14,963.45	(1,963.45)
01800	STATE AID			
	LOSS OF TAXES-STATE LAND	67,233.00	67,233.00	
	ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	26,968.00	25,133.00	1,835.00
	CHARTER SCHOOL	176,368.00	85,499.00	90,869.00
	CONST. OF SCHOOL PROJECTS	567,924.00	567,924.00	
	VETERAN'S BENEFITS	50,218.00	48,175.00	2,043.00
	CHAPTER 70-SCHOOL AID	613,641.00	613,641.00	
	STATE AID-HOTEL/ROOM TAX	230,000.00	353,452.36	(123,452.36)
	UNRESTRICTED GEN GOVT AID	57,066.00	57,066.00	
	STATE AID MEALS TAX	154,000.00	213,423.85	(59,423.85)
	CIVIL MV INFRACTIONS	14,500.00	22,182.00	(7,682.00)
	TOTAL STATE AID	1,957,918.00	2,053,729.21	(95,811.21)
01900	INTERFUND TRANSFER			
	TRANSFER FROM SPEC. REV.	233,820.00	249,763.14	(15,943.14)
	TRANSFER FROM CAP. PROJ.	143,000.00	143,000.00	
	TRANSFER FROM ENTERPRISE FUND	762,422.97	762,422.97	
	TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFER	1,139,242.97	1,155,186.11	(15,943.14)
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	24,429,974.29	24,390,513.46	39,460.83

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
JUNE 30, 2012

REVENUES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VAR.
REAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY (NET)	18,902,813.32	18,379,644.14	(523,169.18)
TAX TITLE & LIENS		248,453.98	248,453.98
MV EXCISE	550,000.00	615,427.00	65,427.00
Other EXCISE	388,000.00	577,873.25	189,873.25
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	198,000.00	214,847.10	16,847.10
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	9,500.00	9,833.10	333.10
CHARGES FOR SERVICES-TRASH	211,000.00	232,470.00	21,470.00
FEES	72,000.00	100,061.16	28,061.16
RENTALS	60,000.00	72,782.50	12,782.50
DEPT. REVENUE - SCHOOL	18,000.00	1,583.02	(16,416.98)
DEPT. REVENUE - LIBRARY	13,000.00	14,963.45	1,963.45
OTHER DEPT. REVENUES	120,000.00	122,013.73	2,013.73
LICENSES AND PERMITS	290,000.00	300,630.45	10,630.45
FINES AND FORFEITS	17,000.00	25,703.00	8,703.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	17,000.00	10,598.41	(6,401.59)
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS-RECURRING	865,000.00	843,772.06	(21,227.94)
MISCELLANEOUS-NON RECURRING		0.00	0.00
STATE AID	991,494.00	896,747.00	(94,747.00)
MSBA School Construction	567,924.00	567,924.00	0.00
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1,139,242.97	1,155,186.11	15,943.14
TOTAL REVENUE	24,429,974.29	24,390,513.46	(39,460.83)
EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	5,857,375.55	5,780,479.05	76,896.50
PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY	2,853,220.13	2,802,619.72	50,600.41
EDUCATION	9,228,838.42	9,209,811.79	19,026.63
PUBLIC WORKS	1,318,583.65	1,306,278.03	12,305.62
HUMAN SERVICES	419,429.43	375,315.20	44,114.23
CULTURE AND RECREATION	436,184.82	429,476.24	6,708.58
STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	985,261.00	859,545.40	125,715.60
DEBT SERVICE	2,653,840.00	2,598,760.46	55,079.54
COURT JUDGMENTS	75,000.00	75,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,827,733.00	23,437,285.89	390,447.11
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	602,241.29	953,227.57	(429,907.94)
FUND BALANCE 6/30/11 (DEFICIT)	(401,219.98)	(401,219.98)	
FUND BALANCE 6/30/12 (DEFICIT)	201,021.31	552,007.59	

**TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
APPROPRIATIONS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2012**

	CARRY FORWARD	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD EXPENDITURES	BALANCE	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
01122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
TOTAL SALARY		291,488.77	291,488.77	(0.00)		0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		122,851.21	120,155.88	2,695.33	2,695.33	0.00
96007 SEAVIEW AVE RAMPS/ ACCESS	13,931.80	13,931.80		13,931.80	13,931.80	
96070 STM08 ENG NO BLUFF/FARM POND	46,200.00	46,200.00		46,200.00	46,200.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	60,131.80	474,471.78	411,644.65	62,827.13	62,827.13	0.00
01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE						
TOTAL EXPENSE		4,850.00	4,849.50	0.50		0.50
01132 FINANCE COMM.-RESERVE FD.						
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		4,850.00	4,849.50	0.50		0.50
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT						
TOTAL SALARY		82,932.24	65,166.64	17,765.60		17,765.60
TOTAL EXPENSE		41,000.00	40,999.50	0.50		0.50
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		123,932.24	106,166.14	17,766.10		17,766.10
01141 ASSESSORS						
TOTAL SALARY		101,867.81	101,866.57	1.24		1.24
TOTAL EXPENSE		6,900.00	6,882.29	17.71		17.71
97000 ATM11#4 TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	54,822.62	54,822.62	54,700.72	121.90	121.90	0.00
97018 STM 4/12 A7 MAPPING/REVAL		15,900.00	8,124.79	7,775.21	7,775.21	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	54,822.62	179,490.43	171,574.37	7,916.06	7,897.11	18.95
01144 TREASURER(FIXED P/R COST)						
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		3,434,018.35	3,388,919.02	45,099.33		45,099.33
01145 TOWN TREASURER						
TOTAL SALARY		71,597.72	71,597.72			
TOTAL EXPENSE		22,821.93	16,567.33	6,254.60	5,859.80	394.80
Admin Fees - MWPAT		16,820.00	16,819.64	0.36		0.36
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		111,239.65	104,984.69	6,254.96	5,859.80	395.16
01146 TAX COLLECTOR						
TOTAL SALARY		108,054.52	107,261.00	793.52		793.52
TOTAL EXPENSE		13,860.86	13,860.86			
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		121,915.38	121,121.86	793.52		793.52

	CARRY FORWARD	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD EXPENDITURES	BALANCE	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
01155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
TOTAL SALARY		75,647.12	75,647.12			
TOTAL EXPENSE		234,952.77	234,708.43	244.34		244.34
59999 ENCUMBRANCE	646.35	646.35		646.35		646.35
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	646.35	311,246.24	310,355.55	890.69		890.69
01161 TOWN CLERK						
TOTAL SALARY		123,742.18	123,742.18	0.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE		2,522.19	1,562.78	959.41		959.41
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		126,264.37	125,304.96	959.41		959.41
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS						
TOTAL SALARY		21,679.23	14,118.69	7,560.54		7,560.54
TOTAL EXPENSE		4,000.00	2,162.58	1,837.42		1,837.42
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		25,679.23	16,281.27	9,397.96		9,397.96
01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
TOTAL SALARY		62,118.00	62,118.00			
TOTAL EXPENSE		4,065.98	3,644.92	421.06		421.06
SHORELINE ENGINEERING	1,780.15	1,780.15	948.64	831.51	831.51	0.00
STM 4/03 ART#3 D.COUNTY HOUSE	2,667.27	2,667.27	967.41	1,699.86	1,699.86	0.00
STM08 ENGINEERING SEAWALL	27,895.20	27,895.20	9,188.51	18,706.69	18,706.69	0.00
E. CHOP ART#7 STM 6/01	38.29	38.29		38.29		38.29
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	32,380.91	98,564.89	76,867.48	21,697.41	21,238.06	459.35
01175 PLANNING BOARD						
TOTAL SALARY		4,170.86	3,391.26	779.60	779.60	(0.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE		974.50	974.50			
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		5,145.36	4,365.76	779.60	779.60	(0.00)
01199 UNCLASSIFIED (SELECTMEN)						
TOTAL	2,030.00	956,877.81	938,043.80	18,834.01	18,834.01	0.00
ARTICLE #7 6/00 EASEMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
A1 STM11-11 PY BILLS		1,115.53		1,115.53		1,115.53
STM4/12 A1 SEL UNPAID BILL ADV		1,160.49		1,160.49	1,160.49	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	3,030.00	960,153.83	938,043.80	22,110.03	20,994.50	1,115.53
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	151,011.68	5,976,971.75	5,780,479.05	196,492.70	119,596.20	76,896.50

	CARRY FORWARD	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD EXPENDITURES	BALANCE	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT						
TOTAL SALARY		1,666,303.32	1,666,263.11	40.21		40.21
TOTAL EXPENSE		63,514.58	63,514.58			
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		1,729,817.90	1,729,777.69	40.21		40.21
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT						
TOTAL SALARY		115,275.38	115,267.33	8.05		8.05
TOTAL EXPENSE		79,863.00	79,281.54	581.46		581.46
STM 4/12 A2 FIRE TURNOUT GEAR		90,000.00		90,000.00	90,000.00	
STM 4/12 A2 THERMAL IMAGING		8,000.00	7,900.00	100.00		100.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		293,138.38	202,448.87	90,689.51	90,000.00	689.51
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE						
TOTAL SALARY		283,988.79	279,772.91	4,215.88		4,215.88
TOTAL EXPENSE		25,500.00	25,424.93	75.07		75.07
STM 4/12 A2 AMB.POWER LIFT		45,000.00	45,000.00			
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		354,488.79	350,197.84	4,290.95		4,290.95
01241 BUILDING INSPECTOR						
TOTAL SALARY		172,211.60	151,634.44	20,577.16		20,577.16
TOTAL EXPENSE		4,620.00	2,013.54	2,606.46		2,606.46
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		176,831.60	153,647.98	23,183.62		23,183.62
01249 SHELLFISH						
TOTAL SALARY		98,256.60	97,073.32	1,183.28		1,183.28
TOTAL EXPENSE		33,000.00	27,660.21	5,339.79		5,339.79
ESTUARY STUDY ATM 4/12/05	1,475.00	1,475.00	1,475.00			
ESTUARIES PROJ STM APR04 ART#6	22,000.00	22,000.00	2,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	23,475.00	154,731.60	128,208.53	26,523.07	20,000.00	6,523.07
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT						
TOTAL EXPENSE		26,700.00	24,841.09	1,858.91		1,858.91
ATM11 A28 ISLAND WIDE REV 911	3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	3,500.00	30,200.00	24,841.09	5,358.91	3,500.00	1,858.91
01296 MARINA MANAGER						
TOTAL SALARY		187,011.86	173,374.67	13,637.19		13,637.19
TOTAL EXPENSE		40,500.00	40,123.05	376.95		376.95

	CARRY FORWARD	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD EXPENDITURES	BALANCE	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
STM 11/11 A5 DREDGING TOTAL DEPARTMENT		45,000.00		45,000.00	45,000.00	14,014.14
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY	26,975.00	272,511.86	213,497.72	59,014.14	45,000.00	50,600.41
01300 SCHOOL		3,011,720.13	2,802,619.72	209,100.41	158,500.00	
TOTAL SALARY / EXPENSE		5,917,457.00	5,554,301.65	363,155.35	344,129.58	
ATM 4/11 REPL SUPT'S OFFICE		2,722.00	2,722.00			
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		5,920,179.00	5,557,023.65	363,155.35	344,129.58	19,025.77
01301 MARTHA'S VINEYARD REG HS						
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		3,652,789.00	3,652,788.14	0.86		0.86
TOTAL EDUCATION		9,572,968.00	9,209,811.79	363,156.21	344,129.58	19,026.63
01421 HIGHWAY-ADMINISTRATION						
TOTAL SALARY		640,428.60	628,122.98	12,305.62		12,305.62
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,307.70	666,464.32	666,464.32	(0.00)		(0.00)
STM08 OAK GROVE FENCING	527.96	527.96		527.96	527.96	
STM 4/11 OAK GRV CEM REST	25,000.00	25,000.00	1,788.00	23,212.00	23,212.00	
A1 STM11-11 PY BILLS		9,902.73	9,902.73			
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	26,835.66	1,342,323.61	1,306,278.03	36,045.58	23,739.96	12,305.62
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	26,835.66	1,342,323.61	1,306,278.03	36,045.58	23,739.96	12,305.62
01519 BOARD OF HEALTH						
TOTAL SALARY		92,027.38	91,321.32	706.06		706.06
TOTAL EXPENSE		56,094.00	30,189.23	25,904.77	407.46	25,497.31
95216 ATM 4/92-Art #16-O/R Cap	5,362.02	5,362.02	5,362.02			
95219 STM 4/97 ARTH#18-CAPPING	10,700.00	10,700.00	5,519.16	5,180.84	5,180.84	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	16,062.02	164,183.40	132,391.73	31,791.67	5,588.30	26,203.37
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING						
TOTAL SALARY		137,224.51	137,224.51	0.00		0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		55,109.82	55,109.82	0.00		0.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		192,334.33	192,334.33	0.00		0.00
01543 VETERANS' SERVICES						
TOTAL EXPENSE		68,500.00	50,589.14	17,910.86		17,910.86
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		68,500.00	50,589.14	17,910.86		17,910.86
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	16,062.02	425,017.73	375,315.20	49,702.53	5,588.30	44,114.23

	CARRY FORWARD	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD EXPENDITURES	BALANCE	TOTAL CARRY FWD.	BALANCE
01610 LIBRARY						
TOTAL SALARY		280,914.82	280,914.70	0.12		0.12
TOTAL EXPENSE		135,020.00	128,333.02	6,686.98		6,686.98
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		415,934.82	409,247.72	6,687.10		6,687.10
01612 ARTS COUNCIL						
TOTAL EXPENSE		1,500.00	1,500.00			
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		1,500.00	1,500.00			
01630 RECREATION						
TOTAL SALARY		10,000.00	9,996.10	3.90		3.90
TOTAL EXPENSE		8,750.00	8,732.42	17.58		17.58
TOTAL DEPARTMENT		18,750.00	18,728.52	21.48		21.48
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		436,184.82	429,476.24	6,708.58		6,708.58
01840 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS						
TOTAL		985,261.00	859,545.40	125,715.60		125,715.60
01710 MATURING DEBT-PRINCIPAL						
TOTAL		2,063,618.00	2,063,616.44	1.56		1.56
01750 MATURING DEBT-INTEREST						
TOTAL		519,722.00	519,719.02	2.98		2.98
01751 INT. ON TEMPORARY DEBT						
TOTAL		45,000.00	12,025.00	32,975.00		32,975.00
01760 BOND ISSUANCE COSTS						
TOTAL		25,500.00	3,400.00	22,100.00		22,100.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		2,653,840.00	2,598,760.46	55,079.54		55,079.54
01941 COURT JUDGMENTS						
TOTAL		75,000.00	75,000.00			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	220,884.36	24,479,287.04	23,437,285.89	1,042,001.15	651,554.04	390,447.11

TOWN TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer's reconciliation of cash for the year ending June 30, 2012:

INTEREST ACCOUNTS:

BANKS	AMOUNTS
Sovereign	3,456,093.89
Bank North	44,868.31
Century Bank	2,217,937.56
Rockland Trust	3,796.08
UniBank for Savings	738,095.80
Edgartown National	22,983.17
Cash on Hand	305.00

TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:

7,771,019.42

INTEREST ACCOUNTS:

BANKS	NAME OF TRUST	AMOUNTS
Sovereign	Barbey Poor	52,718.40
Sovereign	Clark Poor	7,894.65
Sovereign	Norton Poor	7,880.02
Sovereign	Cemetery	14,501.97
Sovereign	Municipal Building	9,677.09
Sovereign	Resident Homesite	2,760.76
MV Savings	Stabilization	905,010.51
Rockland	GASB 45	185,580.60
Rockland	Solid Land	100,915.61

Respectfully submitted,

SHARON A. JACKSON
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Hereby submitted is the annual report of the Town
Collector for the fiscal year 2012.

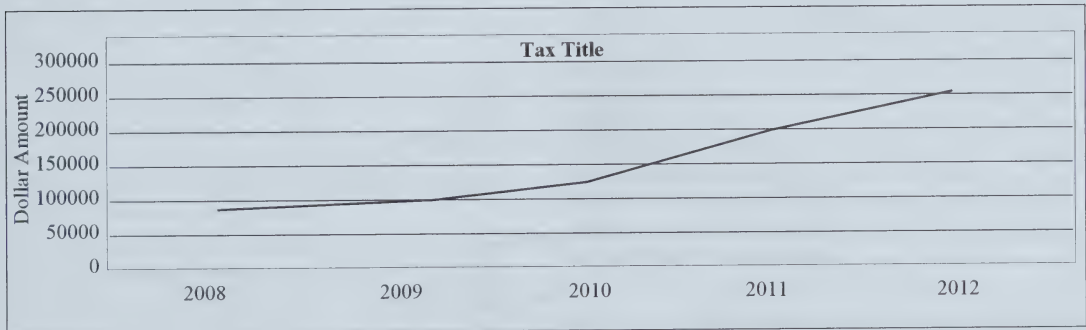
Fiscal year 2012 has left us with the largest receivable
balance in current year real estate taxes and the largest
susequent tax liens in my eight years as Collector. Below
are all multi year category receivables as of June 30, 2012.

The second graph shows a steady increase in tax liens
for the past five years. Clearly our national economic
outlook remains tenuous at best, however I am cautiously
optimistic the taxpayers of Oak Bluffs will be able to
“catch up” in the near future as we begin to rebuild a solid
financial foundation for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHERYLL SASHIN

2012	REAL ESTATE	CPA	PP	MV	BOAT	WWSAP/AI	UB	UB LIEN	WATER LIEN
BALFWD	\$661,223.82	\$13,709.81	\$22,864.06	\$204,375.00	\$2,896.62	\$80,178.27	\$158,507.00	\$36,313.60	\$5,056.83
actual	18,699,401.80	460,382.59	385,297.37	68,245.92	14,445.00	422,895.82	921,308.88	42,535.03	168,746.44
comitt	9,320,917.94	230,013.96		579,448.50			34,690.02		
abate	89,624.51		5,634.85	33,237.01	1,833.66				
adjust	44,570.93	1,470.09	2,617.55			1,853.40	38,255.97	52.34	13,671.39
refund	45,147.36	368.34	6,870.57	17,722.36	372.44	14.12	10,123.49		
paid	17,933,175.84	446,001.35	367,839.30	642,274.51	11,250.26	396,594.80	909,203.10	49,145.27	135,437.36
liened	100,757.57	1,741.52				14,137.64	42,535.03	18,074.25	654.25
FYTD BAL	10,558,562.07	255,261.74	38,940.30	194,280.26	4,630.14	90,502.37	134,635.29	11,576.77	24,040.27



CAPITAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

The Capital Program Committee is chartered by the Town's bylaws to "annually prepare a capital improvement program". In recent years the Town's financial attention has been focused primarily on dealing with the short-term operating budget, so capital planning has taken a back seat. Now that the Town's operating budget issues are under control, attention has turned again to longer-term capital planning.

The Capital Program Committee seeks to plan the Town's capital expenditures in ways that both address capital priorities in a most-important-first sequence and keep capital expenditures as flat as possible. Committed capital spending is beginning to trend down so the Committee plans to add capital spending at a rate that will keep debt payments at or below the 2013 debt commitment. This will keep capital spending relatively flat. The accompanying graphic illustrates this philosophy.

Dealing with long-delayed maintenance reached urgent importance in 2012. Therefore, the first priority of the current capital plan has been to deal with delayed maintenance projects. Thanks to the collaboration of Town officials, department heads, volunteer committees, and voters, a maintenance program was passed at the fall 2012 Town meeting. These urgent capital projects will be paid by the operating budget and will not require a long-term debt exclusion.

The capital plan is a living document that will be updated annually. New needs will appear and numbers will change. The Capital Program Committee hopes to identify potential needs as far in advance as possible so that full costs and other project implications can be understood well before commitments are made.

As of year-end 2012, the most significant capital projects on the horizon are 1) essential upgrades to the Town's public buildings, facilities, and roads, 2) a new Public Safety building, and 3) on-going replacement of highway, police and other vehicles. Upgrades to the wastewater facility are a long-term possibility as well.

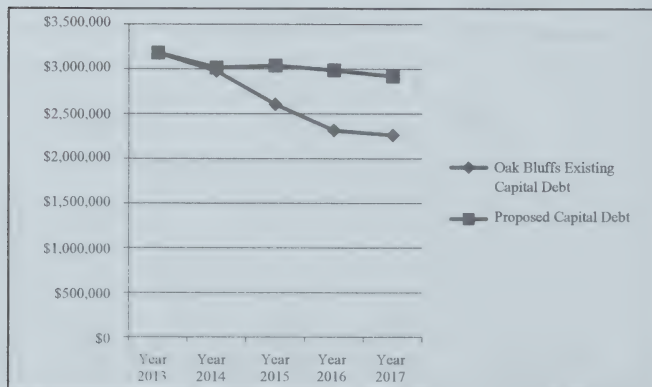
The current capital plan is available at the Selectmen's office. The Committee welcomes questions, ideas, and suggestions. Thank you for your interest.

The Oak Bluffs Capital Program Committee:

MIMI DAVISSON, Chair
BILL MCGRATH, Vice-Chair
STEVE AURBACH
ROBERT FEHL
JOHN NEWSOM
JAMES WESTERVELT
ARTHUR GALLAGHER, Town Accountant
ROBERT WHRITENOUR, Town Administrator

Oak Bluffs Existing Capital Debt		Proposed Capital Debt
Year 2013	\$3,179,769	\$3,179,769
Year 2014	\$2,976,327	\$3,014,752
Year 2015	\$2,604,055	\$3,038,538
Year 2016	\$2,313,293	\$2,986,406
Year 2017	\$2,260,167	\$2,918,233

Existing Capital Debt vs Proposed Capital Debt



FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens and Taxpayers of Oak Bluffs:

The Finance and Advisory Committee of the town of Oak Bluffs has nine members, each being elected for three-year terms, except when a resignation necessitates an interim appointment.

Some of our members have more limited experience in municipal finance than others, but we all share a keen interest in the affairs of our town and a desire to work for the common good of Oak Bluffs. We bring our diverse backgrounds together for healthy debate on each matter that comes before us.

Fincom meets twice a month for most of the year, representing the citizens of Oak Bluffs, to review relevant financial matters. Our main duty is in helping to create and review the town's annual budget. The process of budget assembly and review is a lengthy one and is a coordinated effort on the part of the Town Administrator, all the Department Heads, and the Board of Selectmen, working with the Finance Committee to produce a budget that provides for necessary services yet remains balanced so that Oak Bluffs can maintain its financial integrity and creditworthiness.

Recent years have been challenging ones. The country-wide recession reduced our collected revenues, while ever-increasing costs for health care, insurance, pensions, utilities, as well as contracted labor costs forced the town to make some difficult choices while still attempting to provide essential services. The tragic death of our town's Finance Director occurred during this difficult period.

Rosy revenue forecasts combined with lack of tight controls on spending forced OB to dip into its Stabilization Fund and resort to other expedient measures to close budget holes. The result, going into FY2012 was an almost \$ 1 million deficit. An outside accounting service was hired to monitor and control town spending.

Much time was spent discussing how to raise revenues or reduce spending, including possibilities for regionalization of services with other towns, eliminating superfluous positions, instituting some degree of paid parking, improving collections for everything ranging from property taxes and business licenses to parking tickets.

Town elections brought significant changes in town administration.

A new town administrator with many years of experience doing that very job enabled all of us to refocus. A spirit of cooperation, candor and communication has

taken root. At the Special Town Meeting in November, some painful but necessary cuts were made for FY2012 to clean up past debts and to prevent further decay in the town's balance sheet.

As chair of Fincom, I have felt it important to attend school-budget meetings and to invite members of various departments to our meetings, both to educate Fincom members about town organization and department affairs, and to try to keep everyone feeling that we should be acting in a united way moving forward. Led by the Town Administrator, each department acted responsibly in choosing priorities and deciding how monies could be spent in the most efficient manner.

There are some positive signs in the economy. Revenues are running ahead of last year on a month-by-month basis. Oak Bluffs tax bills have gone out on schedule. We will shortly be hiring a fulltime Town Accountant. We have joined the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative and have signed on to have solar panels installed on three town buildings. This promises small initial savings but with potentially much greater savings in electric usage down the road. We have pushed to streamline town hall operations with better use of computerized systems for organizing and tracking revenues, paid and unpaid.

The Cape Cod Municipal Health Group, which provides coverage for the town's municipal employees, has presented a plan which could keep the line-item for health-care spending in Oak Bluffs under control, hopefully without unduly hurting affected families or individuals. Shortly, the town administrator will begin the expedited bargaining process to bring that plan into reality. Employees will see a rise in co-pays and deductibles, but those will be offset by reduced premiums and a mitigation plan to reimburse the employees most adversely affected during a given year. While actual spending may not decrease significantly, we may no longer see the double-digit increases in health-care spending that have been an annual feature of recent budgets.

At this moment in the budget-making process for FY2013, the Finance Committee is reviewing the budget as presented by the Town Administrator. Revenue estimates have been kept modest and spending for the year is within the state's levy limit. With luck Oak Bluffs may actually show a surplus at year's end. That would be a most healthy sign of progress in the turnaround of the town's fiscal position. For it is only by gradually eliminating our deficit can we again look at some important, long-neglected spending needs, such as the town's infrastructure- i.e.,

roads and building repair, as well as hope to address long-term problems such as anticipated future pension and health-care obligations for retired town employees.

The Finance and Advisory Committee will scrutinize the budget, as is our duty. We will continue to work with the Ad Hoc Committee of the CDC whose hard work delving into the details of many town departments is a valuable resource for improving efficiency. And I hope we can continue to work cooperatively with the Selectmen, with whom we have forged close ties to reorder priorities for the future success of Oak Bluffs.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE AUERBACH, chair
ABE SEIMAN, vice-chair
BILL ALWARDT
BOB BLYTHE
JOHN BOARDMAN
MIMI DAVISSON
CATHY GOUDY
BILL MCGRATH
MAURA MCGROARTY

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens and Businesses of Oak Bluffs:

It is my honor to once again provide you with the annual report for the Oak Bluffs Police Department. This report will contain the programs, training and pertinent crime statistics for the year 2012. This past year we were fortunate to engage in many training programs. The most notable was the community policing/community governance training conducted this past fall. The police department hosted this training that consisted of problem solving techniques, customer service and conflict resolution. This proved to be a valuable refresher to some and a new perspective for others. I want to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for their support and providing a conduit for all department heads to benefit from this vital teaching experience.

Dustin Shaw was appointed as full time officer in May. He worked as a special for summers 2006, 2007 & 2008. He was a veteran officer for Tisbury Police Department from 2008 to 2012. He served for the United States Coast Guard.

We value community policing as a way of doing business not just a statement from a textbook. To that end, we will continue to engage in programs and initiatives that support this theory. These include: child seat inspection, presence in our grade school, bike safety, citizen academics, Community Services, Connect to End Violence and the Youth Task Force, to name a few. We also reinstated our program of conducting problem solving sessions to deal with specific issues in our community. This process gathers all stakeholders together to work on best solutions to the issue at hand. We utilize the S.A.R.A model of scanning, analysis, response and assessment for problem solving. The list of problems we have attempted to solve or mitigate is long, but most notable is with the library, school, shark tournament and a local alcohol establishment. If you have an ongoing specific problem you would like addressed, please contact the department to ascertain if this program is suitable for you.

Please find us on Facebook at Oak Bluffs Police and on Twitter @oakbluffspolice. Also check out our website at: Oakbluffspolice.com

On a personal note, I am proud to serve as the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Associations 1st Vice President for the year 2013 and continue to serve on the

International Chiefs of Police Association Executive Board, Civil Rights Committee and the Community Policing Committee.

In conclusion, the officers and civilian staff of the Oak Bluffs Police Department remain steadfast in our commitment to superior police service to this community. We look forward to this upcoming year, whereby, will again offer a Citizen Police Academy, Crime Prevention initiatives and conducting problem solving strategy programs. Furthermore, I will continue to seek the advice, feedback and support of the Chief's Advisory Committee to help move our department forward and better understand the needs and concerns of the citizens of Oak Bluffs.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIK G. BLAKE
Chief

Animal Control

Anthony BenDavid was appointed as the new Animal Control Officer (ACO) on July 1st. Since his appointment, he has responded to 181 calls for service; these calls have primarily included Missing or Loose Dogs, Restrained Dogs, and Missing and Restrained Cats. He has had two vicious dog complaint hearings heard before the Board of Selectman. Anthony is also appointed as Animal Inspector and has inspected 19 farms. As Animal Inspector he has the authorization to quarantine dogs and cats as necessary.

A partnership with Animal Health Care, West Tisbury, was formed for all restrained dogs and cats to be brought and cared for when ACO was unable to contact their owner (s). Before an animal is released, the owner has to be in contact with Anthony to insure that the animal is properly vaccinated and licensed. If a dog is unclaimed after 10 days, the dog will be brought to the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, Edgartown, to be adopted. A cat will be brought to the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, immediately whose owner is unknown to be adopted.

Karen Ogden, Positive Rewards Dog Training, West Tisbury, provided training to Anthony in dog behavior and how to safely and effectively restrain an aggressive dog. She provided training in how to recognized early signs for dog behaviors that could become aggressive and to deescalate the situation.

The ACO is responsible for the following calls while on duty:

1. Domesticated animals that are in distress, causing disturbances or deceased.
2. Any animal related issue that poses a potential public safety hazard.
3. Complaints of animal attacks.
4. Injured or deceased domestic animals.
5. Animal Cruelty.
6. Loose or lost dogs.
7. Restrained dogs or cats.

The ACO is responsible for the following calls while not on duty:

1. Injured or deceased domesticated animals.
2. Calls from the Oak Bluffs Police for emergency assistance.
3. Domestic animals that are causing an immediate health or safety risk to people, domestic animals or livestock.
4. Animal cruelty complaints.
5. Loose dogs that are restrained by the caller.

Categories of Emergency vs. Non-Emergency calls:

When a complaint involving animals is reported to the communications center or the Oak Bluffs Police Department, Oak Bluffs Police personnel will ascertain if it is an emergency or non-emergency incident.

Examples of calls defined as an EMERGENCY:

An animal bite, a mauling of a human in progress, a seriously injured animal, animals attacking each other or animals in the flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic that pose an imminent public safety hazard.

Calls that will be defined as NON-EMERGENCY:

A routine call for service, to make a report or to obtain information regarding animal licensing

Examples of NON-EMERGENCY calls would include:

A routine call for service, to make a report or to obtain information regarding animal licensing

Examples of NON-EMERGENCY calls would include:

1. A barking dog complaint.
2. A dog running loose.
3. A lost animal.
4. Town by-law violations.
5. Deceased wildlife animals on public roadways.
6. Unwanted pets.
7. Nuisance complaints.

If you need to contact Anthony, you can reach him at 508-560-9127. You can call the Communication Center at 508-693-1212 or at the Police Department 508-693-0750. His email address is abendavid@oakbluffsma.gov.

PATROL BOAT OPERATIONS

Patrol boat operations are under the command of Officer Jeffrey LaBell. The summer of 2012 was a busy year for the boat crew. There were numerous calls for service, outside agency assists and special events that members of the boat crew and patrol boat were deployed for. In addition, two new officers have been appointed to the boat crew. Officers Damien Harris and Dustin Shaw were appointed to the boat crew. Officers Harris and Shaw fill the vacancies of Officers Chris Oteri and Steven Pupek who have resigned from the department to seek employment on other agencies. Officer Shaw is a Veteran of the United States Coast Guard and was previously stationed in Boston and Menemsha. He was deployed to the Gulf of Mexico during the BP oil disaster in 2010.

The following are highlights for calls for service:

On June 12th members of the boat crew and patrol boat were dispatched to Nantucket Sound for a report of a kayaker in distress. After searching the waters of Nantucket Sound and Vineyard Sound for approximately 30 minutes, crew members located the kayaker approximately 2 miles north of the entrance to Oak Bluffs Harbor. The kayaker told crew members that he was unable to paddle to shore due to strong ocean currents that pulled him out to sea. The male and his kayak were transported to shore aboard the patrol boat without incident.

On August 2nd members of the boat crew and patrol boat were dispatched to Nantucket Sound off of State Beach in Edgartown for a report of a catamaran sail boat that sustained a snapped mast. Crew members responded and located the sail boat and its occupants approximately 1 mile off State Beach. The sail boat and its passengers were successfully towed in to shore by Edgartown Harbormaster personnel.

Outside Agency Assists:

On June 29th members of the boat crew assisted Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) with transporting two male detainees from Oak Bluffs Harbor to Woods Hole, MA. The males were arrested by I.C.E. agents on Martha's Vineyard in regards to deportation hearings.

On August 9th members of the boat crew assisted the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force with transporting a male prisoner from Woods Hole, MA, to Oak Bluffs Harbor. The male arrested is connected to an illegal cocaine distribution ring based out of the Hollis-Queens area of New York City. The prisoner was transported to Martha's Vineyard so he could face an outstanding warrant at the Edgartown District Court.

The patrol boat was deployed for the following special events during the summer of 2012:

- Edgartown Fireworks

- Oak Bluffs Fireworks
- Oak Bluffs Summer Solstice Fireworks
- Monster Shark Tournament
- Vineyard Warrior Triathlon

TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM

In the fall of 2006, The Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council, comprised of the island's police chiefs, Sheriff McCormack and Lt. Moore of the Mass. State Police, unanimously voted to create a regional Tactical Response Team to respond to critical incidents in support of the island's patrol force.

The goal of the T.R.T is to assist member departments in the containment, de-escalation and ultimate control of critical incidents that exceed the capabilities of standard police resources, thus increasing the likelihood of a safe resolution.

The team had two call outs in 2012, they are as follows:

The first call took place on March 23rd. The team was activated after West Tisbury responded to a report of a domestic disturbance involving shots fired. Several members of the team responded and assisted police officers on scene with the call. The call resulted in two people shot, one fatally.

The second call out took place on July 25th. West Tisbury Police requested the assistance of the team in service of a high risk arrest and search warrant in Edgartown. The arrest and search warrant were a result from an incident that occurred in the early morning hours when West Tisbury Police received a report that a gun was pulled during a drug deal. The Warrant was served without incident and the subject was placed under arrest.

In the spring of 2012 the majority of the team received training by the U.S. Coast Guard in Tactical Boat Operations. This training was done in an effort to enhance the island's port security. Lt. Williamson and Sgt. Conley attended a 40 hour SWAT team leader development training put on by the National Tactical Officers Association held in Yarmouth, MA.

This year the team received new gas masks, ballistic helmets, and communications headsets through a Department of Homeland Security Grant.

Officer Jason Marathas of the Tisbury Police Department resigned his position on the team after several years of dedicated service.

The Team continues to maintain the national training standard for these types of specialized units, training a minimum of 8 hours a month and an additional 40 hours of specialized training a year. Officers on the Team do not get paid overtime for their training time.

The team is also interested in training opportunities and frequently trains in houses slated for destruction or full

rehabilitation. If you are aware of any such properties in the future, please contact team commander, Lt. Timothy Williamson at the Oak Bluffs Police Department.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

Officer Damien Harris attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program in March of 2012. The program is affiliated with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and sponsored by State Farm Insurance.

Officer Damien Harris and Officer Jermaine Mendez are both Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Each officer has two designated time slots weekly when citizens of Oak Bluffs can come to the police department to get hands on training on how to properly install an infant, convertible or booster car seat in their vehicles.

This training provides parents the education, skills and confidence to properly install a child safety seat. Statistically, 7 out of 10 car seats are installed improperly.

The Oak Bluffs Police Department continues to partner with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital in our CPS efforts. The police department continues to assist the MVH maternity unit with installing infant car seats for new parents. This partnership has been in existence for six years.

Any resident interested in learning more about our CPS program is welcome to contact the Oak Bluffs Police Department and speak with Officer Harris or Officer Mendez.

TRAINING

Members of the Oak Bluffs Police Department attended numerous training seminars in 2012. Below is a list of the training programs attended by Oak Bluffs Officers:

Municipal Police Institute - Dust and Bust -
Det. Curelli, Officer Labell

Officer Safety and Street Survival Training –
Det. Curelli, Officer Labell

Emergency Management Maritime Course –
Sgt. Conley, Officer Harris, Officer Shaw

Instructor Development Course, Six day class –
Lt. Williamson, Sgt. Conley

MPTC Instructor Recertification –
Sgt. Conley

MPTC Defensive Tactics Instructor Recertification –
Sgt. Conley

Simunition Scenario Instructor and
Safety Certification Course – Sgt. Conley

46th Supervisor Leadership for Law Enforcement
Executives, conducted by the FBI – Sgt. Conley

BlueLine Risk Management Group, Crime Prevention
 School – Sgt. Marchand, Officer Harris
 Southeast Command Series 2012 – Chief Blake,
 Lt. Williamson, Sgt. Marchand, Sgt. Conley
 Instructor Development Instructor Trainer Program –
 Officer Morse
 IACP – Drug Recognition Expert –
 Officer Morse
 IACP – Drug Evaluation and Classification Program –
 Officer Morse
 National Tactical Officers Association – 40 hours SWAT
 Team Leader Development Training –
 Lt. Williamson & Sgt. Conley

MARTHA'S VINEYARD DRUG TASK FORCE

There are five Oak Bluffs Police Officers that are members of the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force. In 2012, the Task Force worked with the Cape Cod Drug Task Force, DEA, FBI, US Postal Inspectors, National Drug Intelligence Center, Boston Police Department, New England State Police Information Network and many other local and state police departments. Arrests resulting from Task Force investigations led to convictions in the Edgartown District and Superior Courts. Task Force officers also assisted several people seeking help for their substance abuse. The majority of drug activity on Martha's Vineyard occurs in Oak Bluffs. Officers have diligently worked to combat this, despite a lack of funding. This lack of funding has greatly reduced man hours dedicated to drug investigations. Task Force Officers also provide advice to medical professionals in the methods utilized by drug addicts who attempt to fraudulently obtain prescription medication.

Investigations have revealed a direct correlation between home marijuana cultivation and violent crime. There was a home invasion in Oak Bluffs as well additional house breaks where the victims grew marijuana on their property. In these instances, investigation determined that the suspects, who were eventually arrested, committed these crimes to fuel their own heroin addiction by selling the stolen harvested marijuana and plants. The suspects were all known drug dealers and drug addicts. Officers also learned that several house breaks where marijuana and other drugs were stolen were not reported to the police for obvious reasons. In addition, several residences were broken into and prescription medications were the only reported items stolen.

Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force activity for 2012 includes the following statistics:

Search Warrants: 21
 Arrests for Drug Violations: 50

US Currency Seized Pursuant to Drug Violations: \$35,719

Approximate Drug Seizures:

12 grams of heroin
 422 grams cocaine
 165 marijuana plants
 9 lbs marijuana
 331 pills- including but not limited to: Oxycontin, Percocet, Morphine, Suboxone, Xanax, Tramadol, Methadone, Adderrall, Valium, MDMA (ecstasy)

POLICE CHAPLAIN

Oak Bluffs Police Department Chaplain, Officer/Chaplain David Berube, role is categorized according to the functional areas of the Chaplain Mission Statement: Presence, Support, and Counsel. All statistical information is gathered from his personal activity log. Times are rounded up or down to the nearest quarter hour.

STATISTICAL REPORT

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Activity	Number of Contacts	Time
Visits	N/A	27:00
TOTALS	N/A	27:00

"Upholding those who uphold the law"

MINISTRY OF SUPPORT

Activity	Number of Contacts	Time
Preparing & officiating at funeral for officer's family	N/A	3:00
TOTALS	N/A	3:00

MINISTRY OF COUNSEL

Activity	Number of Contacts	Time
Confidential Sessions	N/A	15:00
TOTALS	N/A	15:00

ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING

Activity	Number of Contacts	Time
Yearly Report	N/A	1:00
TOTALS	N/A	1:00

TOTAL HOURS FOR ALL AREAS OF MINISTRY

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE	27:00
MINISTRY OF SUPPORT	3:00
MINISTRY OF COUNSEL	15:00
ADMINISTRATION & TRAINING	1:00
GRAND TOTAL OF HOURS	46:00

Oak Bluffs Police officers responded to 5526 calls for service in 2012. This figure represents dispatched, walk in and self initiated incident reports.

NIBRS (National Incident Base Reporting Systems)

Homicide	0
Sexual Assault	15
Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault	14
Burglary/B&E.....	22
Auto Theft	3
Grand Larceny	72
Vandalism.....	48
Weapons Violations.....	15
Drugs	50
OUI.....	47

Disorderly Conduct	48
Liquor Law Violations	42
Simple Assault.....	80
Protective Custody.....	10
Petty Larceny.....	33
Trespassing	12

Total Arrests*

*Total Arrests represents all criminal charges filed including arrests, court summonses and criminal citations but does not include Drug Task Force Arrests.

Calls for Service *	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
911 Calls	3	2	7	7	9	13	11	13	7	1	8	4	85
Alarm Calls	31	29	32	35	47	62	62	48	42	48	31	32	499
Lockouts	6	7	4	13	17	23	28	31	22	18	14	11	194
Medical Emergencies	26	24	18	25	18	46	70	54	36	35	24	23	399
Motor Vehicle Stops	100	91	79	56	97	55	126	94	71	69	77	69	984
Noise Complaints	2	2	5	9	9	21	50	33	23	5	1	2	162
Suspicious Activities	7	9	14	14	21	23	26	34	20	17	14	11	210
Welfare Checks	6	2	2	1	1	4	7	5	2	2	1	2	35
The above statistics are the most frequently reported calls for service as classified by Central Dispatch and may be reclassified after being investigated by the responding officer													

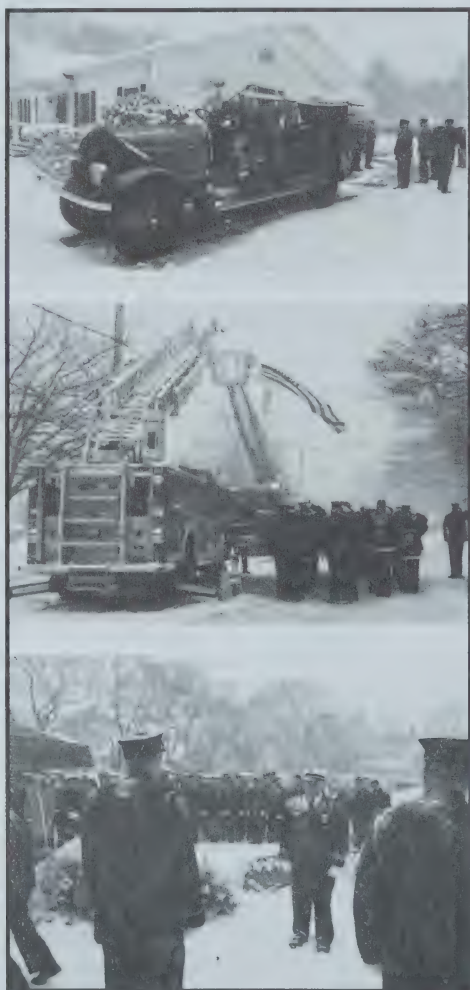
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to present the 2012 annual report of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department.

The year began on a sad note as we grieved the loss of beloved retired Fire Chief Nelson W. Amaral. Chief Amaral devoted 56 years of service to the Oak Bluffs Fire Department, 35 of which he served as Chief.

Many of our members today became seasoned firefighters under the leadership of Chief Amaral. With so much respect and love for his community, he was a true example of what a Fire Chief should be. The memories we have will forever remain in our hearts and minds.



New Recruits:

This year we welcomed 3 new firefighters to the department. Gregory Leland joined the Rescue Company in January; Tad Medeiros joined Engine Company #3 in January; and Tim Rogers returned to Engine Company #4 in February.

Training & Education:

In March, 15 of our firefighters attended the Hazardous Materials Operations Class. This 4 day class taught by the Mass Department of Fire Services educates firefighters in basic defensive strategies to safeguard their health and safety when their work involves potential exposure to hazardous materials.

In September, Firefighter 1 began for several of our new recruits. Firefighter 1 is a 160 hour introduction course which teaches the behaviors and characteristics of fire, and the techniques firefighters use to battle and extinguish the fire. In addition, firefighters Kevin O'Donnell, Matt Gongola, Jason Blandini, Thatcher Brown, Brenden Cooney and Matt Bradley completed their Firefighter 1 training. Congratulations on their hard work and dedication.

In October, 3 of our firefighters attended a Ropes Rescue Course. Noah Moreis, David Marinelli and Greg Leland learned operational level skills in rope, knots, harnesses, basic anchoring methods, ascending/descending techniques, slope evacuations and patient packaging.

In November, 4 firefighters attended a 2 day Emergency Vehicle Operator course taught by the Mass Fire Academy. The course included a combination of classroom and practical skills. The first day covered Mass motor vehicle laws, defensive driving attitudes, apparatus awareness, braking systems and preventative maintenance. On the second day firefighters had a chance to drive an emergency vehicle through an established obstacle course and spend time in a virtual driving simulator.

In December, several firefighters attended an Accountability Class taught by the Mass Fire Academy. In emergency events it is paramount to track the whereabouts of all emergency personnel to ensure their safety; especially when dealing with structure fires where firefighters have to enter smoke filled buildings where visibility is non-existent. This class expanded on the types of accountability systems used in fire services today, and how to implement these systems appropriately and efficiently.

In addition to Fire Academy classes, our department participates in monthly drills and exercises to maintain a high level of readiness in the event of an emergency.



The Future:

In September our administrative staff moved into an office trailer outside of the fire station. Between the Fire and EMS departments, we no longer have adequate space to conduct essential operations necessary in our line of emergency services.

For some time now we have expressed the need for expansion or a new fire station to address the major

deficiencies in our existing building. Thanks to funding approved by our taxpayers at the special town meeting in November, we can begin a preliminary architectural study for a new fire station. It is critical to have the support of our community to move this project forward.

The Town is presently working on a modernization study of the Fire Department. This is a first step to hopefully put into place the professional structure that we need to carry our services into the future effectively and efficiently. Again we look to the community for your support.

Reminders and Fire Safety Tips:

All fire related inspections including Smoke Detector, Carbon Monoxide and Fuel Tanks are maintained through the Fire Chief's office. Applications are available at the Wing Road fire station office trailer, and inspection fees are \$50.00 per inspection.

Open Burning Season is January 15th through May 1st. Please remember that a permit must be obtained by the Fire Chief in order to burn allowable materials on your property. Daily burn permits cost \$10.00 and a season permit can be purchased for \$50.00. Applications, safety tips for open burning and information on the materials allowed are available at the fire station office trailer Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Always remember the basics of Fire Safety:

- Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home.
- Change the batteries in the detectors twice a year when you change your clocks.
- Have your chimney professionally checked and cleaned every year.
- Have heating units checked and cleaned every year.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves or portable heaters.



In Closing:

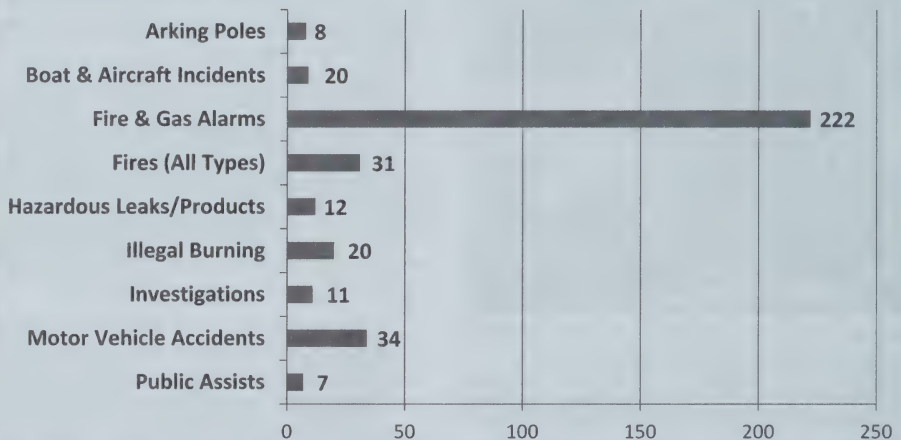
I would like to thank our Town Administrator Bob Whritenour and the Board of Selectmen for their guidance and cooperation throughout the year. I also wish to thank the many departments we work closely with including Ambulance, Police, Highway, Water and Building departments. Without your assistance, we could not achieve success in safeguarding our town.

To the men and women of the Oak Bluffs Fire Department, as always I admire your dedication and commitment to protecting our community.

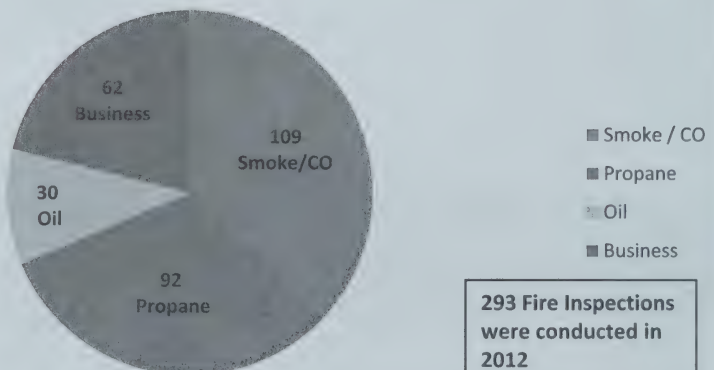
Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT A. FOREND
Fire Chief

2012 Calls for Service by Type



2012 Fire Related Inspections



The Oak Bluffs Fire Department responded to 354 calls for service in 2012, a 22% increase from 2011:

Fire/Smoke Alarms.....	203	Boating and Aircraft Incidents.....	9
Hazardous Products/Leaks.....	12	Motor Vehicle Accidents	34
Carbon Monoxide Alarms.....	19	Investigations	11
Medical/Public Assists.....	7	Arcing Poles/Transformers	8
Fires (All types)	31	Illegal Burning	20

Spruce Ave Fire



Junior Firefighters (the 2 on the left) in training



Sea Glen Fire



**Car off the bridge
on Beach Road**



Divers prepare search for possible trapped victims



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to present the 2012 annual report of the Oak Bluffs Emergency Medical Service.

This year we have worked diligently to make scheduling and staffing adjustments in order to maintain a fiscally sound department. We have followed the recommendations presented to us by the various town committees this year, and are confident we are moving in a positive direction where future goals can be achieved.

In March, we welcomed back Paramedic Matthew Bradley from his tour of duty with the 25th Marines Weapons Company in Afghanistan. Our staff continues to don their "support the troops" red shirts every Friday in honor of the thousands of brave men and women safeguarding our country.

In August we received a letter from the Affiliate Medical Director and Chief of Emergency Medicine at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital recognizing our ambulance service for excellence in pre-hospital care. A first of its kind, we are honored to have received such an acknowledgment. It is a true testament to the dedication of our staff.

Training & Education:

In January, the Basic EMT course began on the Island and 4 of the students enrolled were sponsored by Oak Bluffs. The Basic EMT course is a 110 hour program which teaches the fundamentals of Basic Life Support in the pre-hospital setting. Students participate in both classroom lectures and hands on practical sessions. We are pleased to report that 3 of our students received their EMT certifications and are actively taking shifts on our ambulance. Congratulations to Eva Balboni, Kelsey DeBettencourt and Lindsay Smith for their hard work and dedication.

In March, we participated in a large scale Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) drill at the Martha's Vineyard Airport. This year's drill consisted of a plane in distress which resulted in a crash landing, ending with the plane colliding with an occupied vehicle at the end of the runway. As with most MCI drills, many of the Island wide emergency response agencies were involved including ambulance, fire, police, Martha's Vineyard Hospital and U.S. Coast Guard and State Police Helicopters.

3 of our members completed the Paramedic Program which began in September of last year. This Advanced Life Support course consists of 450 hours of classroom participation, 250 hours of ambulance ride time and over 400 hours of clinical study. Congratulations to Traci Monteith who received her Paramedic certification in November.

Krystle Rose and Jessica Forend are awaiting their State exams and should be certified by spring. The Paramedic course takes a tremendous commitment and we applaud their efforts in advancing their skills.

Chief John Rose and Paramedic Matt Bradley remain active with the Island Wide Tactical Response Team. Several years ago, an Island Wide Tactical Response Team was established to handle critical incidents that surpass the capabilities of standard emergency response. This year the team participated in several trainings including a "mock" hostage scenario in March when the team was given use of an unoccupied home being set for demolition.

We continue to provide CPR and First Aid training to the Fire and Police Departments, Daycare Providers, and many local businesses. If anyone is interested in learning CPR, you can Contact Paramedic Trulayna Rose at the fire station at 508-693-5380.

We also remain dedicated to providing emergency coverage at Varsity sports for the High School.

In addition to required continuing education and regularly scheduled drills, we continue to conduct daily in-house training to keep our skills sharp and at a constant state of readiness.

The Future:

In September our administrative staff moved into an office trailer outside of the fire station. One of the major inadequacies we face is the lack of separate sleeping quarters for our staff. For some time our EMT's covering the night shifts had to sleep together in one room whether they were male or female. This can be awkward at times and less than appropriate conditions, but there were no alternatives in an already insufficient building space. By moving our offices into the trailer, we were able to break up that space into 2 separate sleeping rooms for our overnight staff. Although the trailer has assisted with some short term fixes, it by no means is a long term solution to the ever growing deficiencies we face here at the fire station.

At the special town meeting in November, the taxpayers approved funding for a preliminary architectural study for a new fire station. We hope to have your full support on this project, as it will arm us with the necessary environment to support the growth of our service.

In Closing:

I would like to thank the many departments and agencies we work so closely with throughout the year, including the Physicians and Nursing staff at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Dukes County Communications Center, and all Island Ambulance, Fire and Police Departments.

To the members of the Oak Bluffs Ambulance, it is a privilege to work with such an amazing group of men and women so dedicated to providing our community with unparalleled care.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ROSE
Ambulance Chief

House Numbers

Is Your Number Clearly Visible from the Street?

Seconds Count in an Emergency

- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Emergency Personnel will find you faster when your home is properly marked.
- A visitor, child or injured person may be unable to give clear directions.

- Emergency personnel from a neighboring Town may be unfamiliar with your area.

Use Large Visible Numbers

- Numbers need to be at least 4-inches in height and facing the street.
- Be sure to use the E-911 address for the property
- If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
Be sure to keep the numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.

It's the law

- Massachusetts General Laws C. 148, S. 59.

The Oak Bluffs Ambulance responded to a total of 1664 emergency and non-emergency calls for service in 2012, a 3% increase from the previous year

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Emergency Management Department has had a reasonable busy year. We have been involved with the United States Coast Guard in a number of planning sessions and drills. The largest was a table top drill in Falmouth dealing with rescue and recovery involving a ferry boat or cruise ship.

The weather this past year has not been at all friendly. Hurricane Sandy was the largest storm ever recorded in the Atlantic. This storm did billions of dollars in damage to New York and New Jersey. Within our town we had \$13,750,000 dollars worth of damage. Most of the damage was created by water surge and wave action. The Steamship Authority wharf also suffered over a million dollars in damage. The largest for us was the bluff on East Chop Drive. The waves went over the seawall and undermined the bottom of the banking. If this is not fixed, the banking will slip and destroy the roadway. The other events were the undermining of the North Bluff seawall

and loss of all the sand we have put on the inkwell, pay beach and jetties beach over the past two years. Presently we are dealing with our engineers and with FEMA and MEMA for 75% funding to repair all the damages.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, other public safety and town departments for their continued support of Emergency Management. We all share the same attitude that we must protect the citizens and their property within the Town. I would like to thank our Community Emergency Response Team for their continued help and support when we have a disaster. They help maintain the shelter at the Oak Bluffs School and help with the food preparation to feed the shelter visitors and emergency crews.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER M. MARTELL, Director
STEVEN CONLEY, Deputy Director
Emergency Management Department

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Oak Bluffs Building Department, which includes building, plumbing, gas, wiring and mechanical permits, has experienced a steady increase in permitting across the board since midyear 2012 and continues through the beginning of 2013. Total permit revenues were up more than 11% from 2011 and New Single Family Dwellings doubled in the 2nd quarter of 2012 from the same quarter

of 2011. This is an exciting trend for the town and is a very good indicator of the condition of the Island economy.

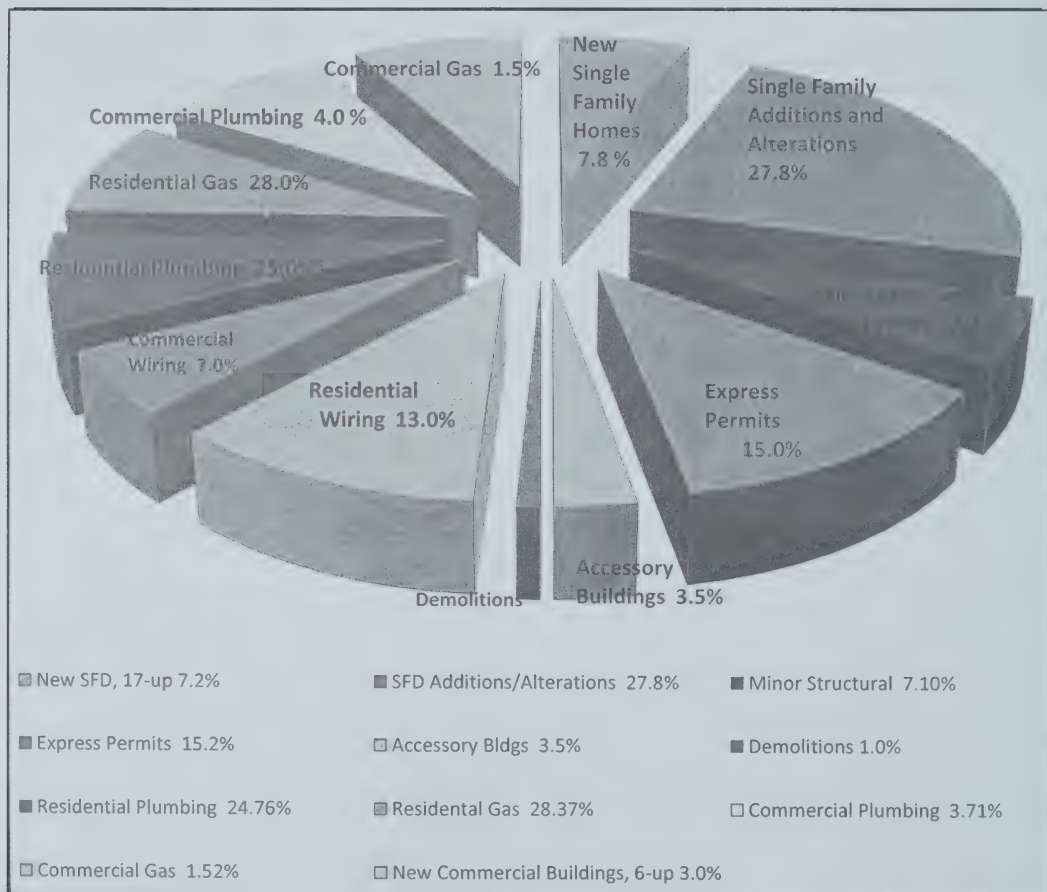
My office door is always open and you are welcome to drop by anything with any questions regarding building or zoning, or call 508-693-3554 x 122 or email jdunn@oakbluffsma.gov

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. DUNN
Building Inspector

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR ALL PERMITTING FOR THE YEAR 2012, \$73,994.00

The Chart shows the Percentage of the Total Fees Collected for Individual Permits Issued.



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA continues to work diligently to interpret and uphold the zoning by-laws of the Town, while maintaining empathy for the needs of the citizens of the Town.

We, the Board, would also like to commend Kris Chvatal for his many years of service to the Town as Chairman of the ZBA.

DEREK TIPTON
Chairman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the annual report for 2012 for the Oak Bluffs Highway Department.

The Highway Department is charged with construction, maintenance, upgrading and repair of Town streets and buildings, along with the collection and removal of garbage and snow removal when necessary.

The Department is run by Superintendent Richard Combra, Jr. with the assistance of Foreman Chris Gibson and Office Administrator Nicole L. Morey. There are four year-round Heavy Motor Equipment Operators; they are James Tripp, Raymond Oliver, Ken O'Connor and James Moreis Jr. and two full time year round laborers; Evan Rogers and June Ferreira at the LDO. There are two part time custodians; McKinley Starks and Ray Moreis Jr. who cleans the Library. At the April 2012 ATM, the cemetery skilled laborer position was reinstated in the Highway budget and in November Scarlet Blair was hired to fill this position.

The Kennebec Avenue bathroom now closes from the day after Thanksgiving to April. The department hires additional laborers during the summer months to assist with the daily cleaning of Circuit Avenue, Kennebec Avenue bathrooms, Sea View bathrooms and the Harbor bath house.

The Department maintains 38 miles of paved roads in Oak Bluffs, re-paving and filling pot holes as needed. As per the road maintenance plan, portions of Vineyard Avenue, Hiawatha Avenue, Sea View Avenue and Park Street were repaved. Also paved were Pasque Avenue and Saco Avenue. A list of dirt roads that need to be graded is kept on file. The Department tries to grade them at least once a year but the majority of these roads are not Town accepted roads and there are limited funds to do such work. We continue to assist the Oak Bluffs School personnel with the mowing of playing fields, clearing snow, trimming shrubs and sweeping the parking areas.

Maintenance of Town streets includes sweeping Circuit Avenue daily during the summer months, plowing during heavy snow accumulation, clearing streets and bike paths of sand that accumulates on them over the winter. In spring and summer months, the Department trims vegetation along roadways.

Highway Department personnel pick up roadside debris on a year round basis; we ask that residents and visitors alike refrain from throwing anything out of the vehicles.

The Highway Department buys the supplies for cleaning and maintaining all Town buildings and pays for any repairs needed except for at the Oak Bluffs School.

The Highway personnel continue with the maintenance of all Town park areas as well as cleanup after the Shark Tournament, the Harbor Festival, Summer Solstice, Illumination and Fireworks Nights.

The Department keeps one employee at the Town Local Drop-Off (LDO) year round, where residents can bring their trash, newspapers, cardboard, co-mingled recyclables and yard cuttings and leaves. We collect and dispose of solid waste from Town buildings, trash barrels placed throughout the downtown area, the dumpsters along the harbor for boaters and household barrels left at curbside. In July and August there are two rubbish trucks used for collection as the population increases.

We are also responsible for removing dead animals and other health hazards from Town roads. If it is a wild animal (squirrel, skunk, raccoon, etc) please call the Highway Department office at 508-693-0072. If you have lost your pet or find any dead domestic animals in a public place, please call the Oak Bluffs Police Department at 508-693-0750.

The Town of Oak Bluffs generated 836.3 tons of solid waste during 2012 which was basically the same as 2011, and we recycled the following:

Co-mingled.....	127.08 tons
Newspapers.....	86.14 tons
Cardboard	54.83 tons

Cardboard and newspaper recycling increased from the previous year but the co-mingled recycling decreased; overall recycling increase by 2% from the previous year.

Household garbage stickers are sold at the LDO and certain markets around Town, but still not sold at the Town Hall. Vehicle stickers for LDO access can only be purchased at the LDO.

In 201, \$225,510.00 was turned over to the Treasurer's office; \$189,940.00 in rubbish sticker sales, \$19,175.00 in \$25 vehicle permits, \$13,400.00 in \$10 permits and \$2,690.00 in brush loads.

Revenues generated by the Highway Department in 2012:

• Sale of Cemetery Lots.....	\$2,400.00
• Gas Revenue.....	\$16,436.20
• Snow Removal Contract (3).....	\$5,000.00
• Shower Tokens	\$1,657.00

Around Thanksgiving the Highway Department personnel decorates all the lamp posts along Circuit Avenue with garlands supplied by the Friends of Oak Bluffs. They also put up the white lights on the lamp posts in Ocean Park, the Police Station, on the information booth and in Post Office Square Mall. They also set-up and decorate the tree in the Mall for the annual tree lighting ceremony.

We would again like to thank Crossland Landscape for the trees and lights along Oak Bluffs Harbor, the “trees” in Ocean Park as well as the floating Christmas tree in Sunset Lake. We also thank Jardin Mahoney for the Post Office Square Christmas tree, Hagerty Tree for assisting with the lights on Circuit Avenue, and Powers Electric for making sure all outlets were safe and working.

And I would like to thank all other Town departments for their cooperation and the employees of the Highway Department for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD COMBRA, JR.
Highway Superintendent

WASTEWATER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Our busiest day at the treatment plant was on August 18, 2012 where we processed and treated 269,032 gallons of wastewater. Our average daily flow for the summer months of June, July and August 2012 was 150,835 gallons per day. Our average for the same period in 2011 was 142,488 gallons per day. The total number of treated gallons of wastewater for 2012 was 30.2 million gallons while the total number of gallons treated in 2011 was 29.3 million gallons.

MONTH	DAILY AVERAGE
January	42,576
February	43,667
March	42,780
April	50,564
May	79,037
June	112,965
July	163,370
August	174,947
September	112,400
October	72,953
November	52,138
December	41,544

April 1, 2012, marked the ten-year anniversary since the first gallons of treated wastewater left the facility. We have grown from a customer base of 503 customers in 2002 to a customer base of 684 in 2012. The highest daily

flow in 2002 was 152,949 gallons. The total number of treated gallons that year was 15 million gallons.

The department again asks for everyone's help with the removal of grease from the collection system. We ask that everyone put grease into containers and put it into the trash rather than pouring it down the drain. Please note that by doing this you not only will add many years to your septic system, but you will help alleviate operational and odor problems here at the treatment facility.

I wish to thank Joe Alosso for his past ten years of service working with this staff to help make this the top notch department that it is. As acting facilities manager I would like to thank the Commissioners Hans von Steiger, Bob Iadicicco and Gail Barmakian as well as the Selectmen for their confidence in my capacity to manage this department effectively. I would also like to thank Lisa Merritt, Administrator/Lab Tech, and Gary Jardin, Mechanic Operator with doing a great job in supporting me in all we need to do to continue running such a successful department. We are all grade 6 operators looking out for the best interests of both our year-round and seasonal residents as we work continuously to meet our State permit requirements as well as the Town's wastewater needs in as professional and efficient manner as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MONTEITH
Acting Facilities Manager

RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The highlight of the year was Sengekontacket Pond was reclassified by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to a conditionally approved status. This meant we were able to have portions of the pond open most of the summer! During the summer and fall months there are rainfall closure rules in place. If too much rain is recorded within a 24 hour period then we need to close the pond for a period of time. In order to let everyone know if the pond is open or not after a rain event there are two flagpoles (one by each bridge) installed and a red flag will be flown if there is a closure. We also try to get it posted on the Town web-site as soon as possible as well. Having Sengekontacket open this summer attributed to more shellfish licenses being sold. There was a particular spike in the short term summer license categories.



Quahog seed ready to plant

The biggest issue our beloved ponds face is the excess nitrogen entering them. Nitrogen is a fertilizer and promotes plant growth. Too much growth in the single cell plants (phytoplankton) can prevent sunshine reaching the ponds bottom and causes eelgrass to be stressed and die off. During the 2012 summer there were two distinct episodes and two different species, with populations dense enough to color the surface of the waters. The second incident was a species that has been linked (but not scientifically proven) to cause bay scallop mortality or stunting. Losing our eelgrass meadows means our ponds are less productive. Eelgrass meadows are one of the most productive and diverse habitats. They are used by juvenile

sea life as areas of refuge and by predators as an area for forage. Overall each year we are losing eelgrass habitat. Though there has been expansion of some localized meadows.

The Massachusetts Estuaries Project that the Town has participated in for several years have found some answers and has quantified the current nitrogen concentrations. The threshold levels also known as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) have now been established for Sengekontacket, Lagoon and Farm Ponds. These TMDLs have been accepted by the Massachusetts Division of Environmental Protection. The DEP report is currently under review by the US Environmental Protection agency for consistency with the federal Clean Waters Act. We need to strive to reach these target thresholds to bring our coastal ponds back from the downward spiral to a healthier state.

In the case of Sengekontacket and Lagoon Ponds Oak Bluffs must work with our adjoining Towns and address this by the watershed boundaries of each pond. The nitrogen inputs do not respect Town lines so one town that shares a water body cannot solve the problem by itself. For the Town(s) to reduce the concentration of nitrogen in the waters we will need to reduce the volume of nitrogen entering the pond or treat it effectively once it reaches the pond. The largest source of nitrogen that can be addressed locally is from our own septic systems. The conventional way to solve this is by sewerage more of the watershed. This is also the most expensive option. By carefully selecting specific neighborhoods and areas in the town(s) that will have the most beneficial impact is critical. We are also looking at other alternatives including Title 5 enhanced septic systems, composting toilets, restoring or enhancing fresh water wetlands to increase natural attenuation, and additional culture of shellfish (public and/or private aquaculture) and investigation of seaweed culture as well as others. To this end the Town has contracted with the University Of Massachusetts School Of Marine Science and Technology to evaluate the Upper Lagoon Pond and make recommendations in how we can increase the natural attenuation of nitrogen before it makes it to the estuarine waters of Lagoon Pond. They will be collecting the last of the field data required this spring or early summer. A draft report will likely be delivered in the fall of 2013.

The nitrogen issue is very important to the future of the Town and Island as a whole. We need to get this right and we must continue communicating and working with all

stakeholders and across town boundaries. Farm Pond is a little different as the entire watershed is within Oak Bluffs. The Pond isn't nearly as big so there is less volume to address. Farm Pond also has a moderate to severe tidal restriction due to an undersized culvert connecting the pond to Nantucket Sound. The Town began looking to correct this restriction prior to being in the estuaries project. Over the past several years we have been fortunate to get grant funding (over \$225,000) for several independent studies. The results of these studies and the results of the computer modeling done by the estuaries project agree. If the tidal restriction is corrected the additional tidal flushing will dilute the nitrogen concentration in the pond to below the nitrogen threshold! We are currently in the design and permitting stage to replace the 4 foot culvert with two side by side 8 foot precast box culverts. We received an \$80,000 grant from Restore America's Estuaries through the Conservation Law Foundation of Boston to help pay for the design and permitting. We have applied for additional funds as due to certain additional requirements from some of the permitting agencies. The Town has contracted with Fuss and O'Neil to complete the design, engineering and permits.

The cost for the installation is now estimated at between 1.5 to 1.8 million dollars. Though this is a lot of money, this solution is much cheaper than sewerage more of the watershed.

The draft MEP report on Oak Bluffs Harbor and Sunset lake system is expected in the spring 2013. We will be the first Town on the Island to have all their estuaries studied and analyzed for the nitrogen levels.

We continue to raise and culture juvenile shellfish each year. The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group provides the quahog and bay scallop seed. The steamer clam seed is purchased from the teaching hatchery at Salem State College. We grow them in systems that protect them from predation and encourage faster growth. We release all the seed into municipal beds for future harvest each fall. This past year we grew 1.2 million quahogs, 600,000 steamer clams and about 2 million bay scallops.

We encourage a bay scallop spawning in the ponds by putting out cages filled with brood stock scallops. The cages are on the surface where they are exposed to more phytoplankton that they feed on. We set out wild spat collectors near these cages to be able to judge what kind of a spawning event occurred in the pond. The summer of 2012 was better than 2011 so there is hope that next year's scallop harvest will be better than this past season.

We continued monitoring the water quality in our ponds for the same parameters as the MA Estuaries Project monitored. The results showed nitrogen levels continue to be above the thresholds. We rely on the MA Division of Marine Fisheries to monitor the fecal bacterial levels in our ponds so as not to duplicate efforts.

In the spring, Vineyard Scuba sponsored the third annual harbor clean up. The Town supported this effort

through this department and the loan of a dump truck from the Highway Department. Vineyard Scuba organized divers and topside people to haul out the trash and other debris. Once again thank you Vineyard Scuba.



Trash collected from the Oak Bluffs Harbor by divers

With the beginning of the current fiscal year we were able to reinstate the fulltime deputy position but not either of the part time positions. These additional hours of work made a great difference but we are not yet back up to speed and we do fall behind at times. We still cannot provide all the services that we once were able to offer. However with the partial re-instatement of staff we have been able to continue the predator control program. We use traps to target the green crab and we mop drag for starfish. This past summer the starfish population seemed to be down after 2-3 years of expansion.

We continue to work with the New England Aquarium to respond to marine mammal strandings. We serve as the lead agency on the Island and have custody of the New England Aquarium's equipment and supplies that are staged here. Due to the lack of staffing for this department and the increase in trained personnel now on island we limit our response to initial investigation of stranding reports in Oak Bluffs. We also respond to any rescue attempts and to assist in necropsies of large animals.

The US Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 (Boston) received \$100,000 funding to take a closer look at the impacts invasive tunicates (sea squirts) are having on eelgrass meadows. The Town of Oak Bluffs is one of the research members along with EPA's Atlantic Ecology Division, and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. This is a two year study and will be looking at both carbon and nitrogen isotope ratios to quantify the impact.

The first season field work was conducted this past fall and will be done again this coming fall. This project is the result of previous work that the Town has been involved in with some of the same scientists since 2008. The previous

project confirmed there were detrimental effects to eelgrass colonized with sea squirts compared to plants without the sea squirts. I presented these results at the national Restore America's Estuaries conference November 2011.

We have continued to work with Dr. Mary Carman of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute on monitoring the presence of invasive sea squirts in our ponds here in Oak Bluffs. This monitoring documents only the presence or absence of sea squirts each year since 2008.

Because of the differences in sea squirt species dominance in Farm Pond and other ponds, along with the opportunity to document expected changes in Farm Pond due to the installation of a larger culvert. We have requested funding through the Community Preservation Act funding to conduct a more intensive monitoring in Farm Pond. We propose a 5 year study so we can document the conditions before, during and after the new larger culvert is installed. If funded, this can be part of any match requirement for culvert project.



Sea squirts growing on eelgrass blades.

This past year we completed our work commitment for the University of New Hampshire winter flounder stock enhancement project. Both Tisbury and Oak Bluffs collected data each month from Lagoon Pond. Lagoon Pond was the control for the project but several thousand three inch juveniles were released into Quitsa Pond in Chilmark. The data collected from Lagoon pond confirmed there is some spawning habitat with limited spawning activity in the pond now. However with the declining eelgrass meadows that area shrinks. Dr Elizabeth Fairchild of UNH is has applied for funding to continue with more stock enhancement with Lagoon Pond as a likely release site.

The Friends of Sengekontacket funded a pilot bio-extraction project through the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group. Both Oak Bluffs and Edgartown deployed bottom culture boxes in the early fall and planted 15-20 mm juvenile quahogs in the boxes. The seed will be sampled each month from May through September to capture their growth rate. From this we can calculate the amount of nitrogen they are removing from the water and using in their growth. We

hope to document the extraction levels and apply it toward reducing the nitrogen levels in the pond.

Partnering with Tisbury and the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group with funding from the Eddy Foundation we began an initial investigation on culturing "sea vegetables" (sea weeds) in Lagoon Pond. There are several species that can be grown; some in winter and some in the summer. Sea weeds also utilize nitrogen in their growth and may help to reduce nitrogen levels in the pond; especially if this can be brought to a commercial level without detrimental impacts to current use of the pond. The winter crop is the one that holds the most promise to remove nitrogen. The local kelp species grow well in colder temperatures when most of the plant life in our ponds is dormant or very slow. The kelp already has a small commercial market that is steadily growing. It was featured at one of the Slow Foods dinners here on the island.

The large Sengekontacket Pond dredge project was completed this year. The dredging was complete in January 2012 but the final archeology survey was not done until September 2012.

In the late spring we conducted our annual quahog relay. The State permits towns to buy quahogs that are contaminated by fecal coliforms and plant them in clean town waters. The areas that are planted are closed to allow the quahog to naturally depurate before they can be harvested. Oak Bluffs typically close the area for almost a full year; much longer than required by the State. We also usually plant them in areas that have been depleted due to harvesting. With putting mature adults in these areas we are also using them as brood stock for that area. They all have the first summer to spawn and many have a second or more summers to spawn as well. In this way we are also encouraging natural recruitment of seed quahogs to the area as well. We transplanted 500 bushels into Lagoon Pond between Lagoon Ave and Bay View Ave.

Again this spring we had a goose egg addling permit from the MA Division of Fish and Wildlife. Most of the nests found were again around Farm Pond

The Town was hit by Hurricane Sandy this past fall. There was some extensive damage as well. We lost many thousand cubic yards of beach, the area around Farm Pond was flooded including South Circuit Ave and Cannonicus Ave. The undermined and the farm pond culvert was partially choked off with sand. The little bridge inlet was completely filled in with sand. We had to dig it out to regain flushing of the northern portion of Sengekontacket Pond. Once again the Friends of Sengekontacket came through riding a white horse with funding to help pay the bill.

We worked with the Dukes Conservation District (local advisory board to the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service) to develop a survey questionnaire to determine natural resource priority issues for Martha's Vineyard. The survey was placed on-line and was advertised in both local papers and at or through numerous other



View across Farm Pond during Sandy
This is the area near the culvert



Little Bridge inlet during Sandy

organizations. The results of the survey were 89% of the respondents were year round island residents. The top three ranked issues were; open space, water resources and fishing/shellfishing.

I attended the joint conference of Northeast Aquaculture Conference and Expo (NACE) and the International Conference on Shellfish Restoration (ICSR) where two presentations of work we were involved with and co-authored were presented. The summaries of these presentations will be published in a future issue of the Journal of Shellfish Research.

This department is still under staffed due to the economic situations; both of the two part-time positions remain unfunded. With the start of the Town's fiscal year, July first, the full time deputy was funded and re-instated. With this added staffing we were able to start bringing some of the services back. At times we had difficulty getting the field work and shellfish culture work completed

as we had to balance that with presence on the ponds for enforcement of the rules.

I need to credit Jason Mallory for always giving 100+% to the department. Without his effort we would not have been able to bring back some of the services. I want to thank all the pond advocacy organizations ; especially Friends of Sengekontacket, Friends of Farm Pond, Lagoon Pond Association and Tisbury Waterways Inc. for their continued support. Also thanks to many other town departments; especially the Highway Department and Conservation Commission. Several volunteers came out and helped us get through our work load; somehow they are always there when needed the most.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. GRUNDEN
Shellfish Constable

Summarized Catch Report For the 2012 Calendar Year (Recorded in bushels landed)

	Recreational	Commercial	Total
Bay Scallops	218	747.5	965.5
Quahogs	367	339	707
Soft Shell Clams	51	5	56

A more detailed report is available upon request

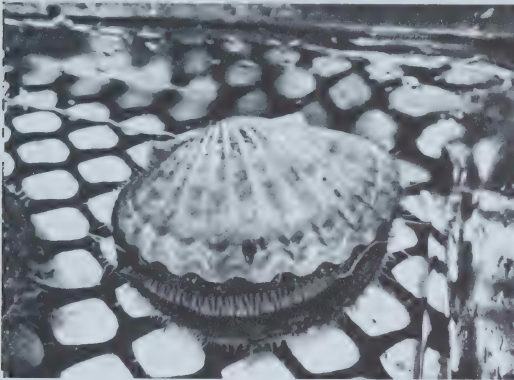
Summary of Licenses Sold

License type	2010	2011	2012
1 week	53	46	73
2 week	2	5	9
1 month	2	1	2
Commercial	12	14	15
Non-resident	4	9	3
Resident	169	194	243
Senior Citizen	315	334	389
Totals	557	603	734

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

In 2012, the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. Our program received funding from the six Island towns, private donations, and grant moneys from the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Friends of Sengekontacket, the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard and the Lagoon Pond Association. Highlights of our 2012 program are as follows:

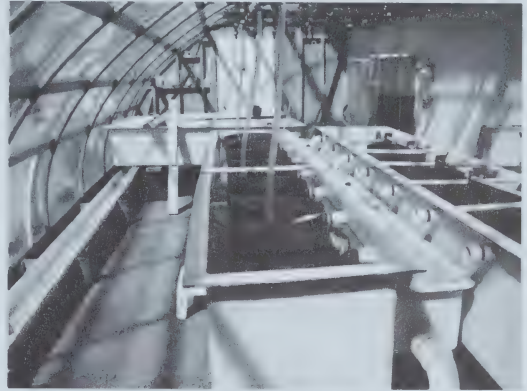


Solar Shellfish Hatchery - The key mission of our shellfish program is to maintain a critical mass of brood-stock in the Island ponds. To that end, we annually produce millions of seed shellfish for release in the ponds. In 2012, we produced 9.4 million seed quahogs, 9.7 million seed scallops, 9.6 million eyed oyster larvae and over 200,000 seed oysters. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted in the Island's ponds in a successful ongoing shellfish enhancement effort.

Expansion into the John T. Hughes Hatchery - In 2012 in a cooperative venture with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, we expanded our shellfish culture operations into the John T. Hughes Hatchery (former State Lobster Hatchery) in Oak Bluffs. We successfully cultured seed quahogs and scallops, and remote-set eyed oysters in the newly renovated facility. Marine Fisheries has invested nearly a quarter million dollars to renovate the facility and install a new water supply system. TAG Engineering LLC provided free professional consultation on the design and installation of the water supply system. The Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard and the Lagoon Pond Association provided funding for operational costs.

Oyster Restoration - In 2012, with funding from the Jewish Communal Fund and the Great Pond Foundation,

we continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds where oyster populations plummeted in the wake of the oyster disease Dermo. The overall goal of these projects is restoring the number of oysters in the ponds to levels at which this keystone species can again provide its vital ecosystem functions to restore ecological balance to the local marine environment. Populations have been restored to levels necessary to positively impact water quality, and in Tisbury Great Pond fishers are again gainfully employed harvesting a high quality, renewable local food source.



Offshore Mussel Culture Initiative - Under a federal grant from the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, we continue to collaborate with researchers at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole to further develop a Martha's Vineyard cultured mussel industry. This past year we conducted experiments to improve collection methods of wild mussel seed.

Expanded Quahog Nursery Culture - Under a grant from the Friends of Sengekontacket, we are assisting the Edgartown and Oak Bluffs Shellfish Departments in increasing the duration of time that seed quahogs are protected in nursery culture to both increase survival and improve water quality in Sengekontacket Pond.

Shell Recycling Project - When shellfish are harvested, shells are removed from the pond. Shell provides critical habitat for oysters and is increasingly important as a natural buffer to reduce the negative effects of acidified seawater on marine organisms, including shellfish. With funding from the Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship, Jessie Holtham continued and expanded the shell recovery and recycling project she initiated in 2011.

Pilot Seaweed Culture Project - Under a grant from the Edey Foundation, we began a pilot study of the potential to culture edible seaweeds on the Island. Like shellfish,

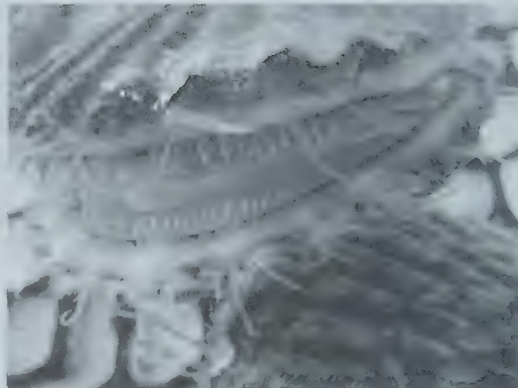
cultured sea vegetables have potential to improve water quality through their uptake of nitrogen and to provide a healthful local food product.

Think Locally and Act Globally - I continue to serve as Co-Chair of the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center, on the Industry Subcommittee of the National Shellfisheries Association and on the governing boards of the Massachusetts Aquaculture Association, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, and the Lagoon Pond Association. I was recently appointed as the Massachusetts representative to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center. I also serve on the advisory boards of the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Squibnocket District Advisory Committee and am a member of the MV Water Alliance and the Joint Sengekontacket Committee.

More detailed reports of our work are posted on our website www.mvshellfishgroup.org.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. KARNEY
Shellfish Biologist/Director



SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2012

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Quahogs	Aquinnah	2,100,000
	Chilmark	2,100,000
	Edgartown	2,100,000
	Oak Bluffs*	1,050,000
	Tisbury	<u>2,100,000</u>
Total Quahog Seed		9,450,000
Scallops		
Seed on Burlap (estimated)		
	Aquinnah	1,900,000
	Chilmark	1,900,000
	Edgartown	1,900,000
	Oak Bluffs	1,900,000
	Tisbury	1,900,000
	Wampanoag Tribe**	<u>2 00,000</u>
Total Scallop Seed		9,700,000
Oysters*** (Disease-resistant)		
Oyster Larvae		
	Released – Tisbury GP	Edgartown GP
Fertilized eggs	14,825,000	14,825,000
4 Day old larvae	2,640,000	2,640,000
8 Day old larvae	2,175,000	2,175,000
10 Day old larvae	1,455,000	1,455,000
14 Day old larvae	750,000	750,000
Eyed –larvae		
(Remote Setting Systems)	<u>4,845,000</u>	<u>4,841,000</u>
Total Oyster Larvae & Eggs	26,690,000	26,659,000
Single Oyster Seed		
	Edgartown Great Pond	100,642
	<u>Tisbury Great Pond</u>	<u>100,642</u>
Total Single Oysters		201,284

* One-half membership before July 1, 2012

**Provided under contract

***Includes oysters produced with private foundation funding

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2012 saw many positive developments. The Committee was re-named, restructured and new By Laws were incorporated to provide a framework for the Committee's contributions to the Town.

The Harbor Advisory Committee serves in an Advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and works closely with the Harbormaster. The 7 member Committee is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and includes a representative from each of the following Stakeholder Groups:

Board of Selectmen
Public Safety
Parks and Highway Department
Conservation Commission
Oak Bluffs Business Association
Neighborhood Residential Community
Member at Large

GOALS

Oak Bluffs Harbor is the lifeblood to the Town of Oak Bluffs. Providing key economic benefits to the Town and our Business Community, the Harbor welcomes visitors to the Island, and promotes recreational and commercial activities. Its connection to the surrounding communities provides scenic settings and enhances residential values.

To maintain these important values, the goals of the Harbor Advisory Committee will be to provide input and advice to the Board of Selectmen regarding the following:

- The safe enjoyment of the Harbor by Residents and Visitors

- Recommendations regarding Capital Improvements and Facility Upgrades
- Maintenance of Water Quality standards for both recreation and Commercial interests
- Revenue opportunities
- Maintaining first class accommodations including Restrooms, Trash Disposal, Fuel Services, and Launch facilities.
- Master Plan Review and Updates

GUIDELINES

The Harbor Advisory Committee will work closely with the Harbormaster to recommend Guidelines that can accomplish the Committee's Goals. The Harbormaster will forward these to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen for further review and ratification. Examples may include:

- Harbor Policies; Rules and regulations
- Special Event Permit Application and Process
- Resident Slip Lottery

Oak Bluffs' Harbor is the lifeblood of our Community. We look forward to another successful season in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. ABDELNOUR, JR.
JOHN BRECKENRIDGE
RICHARD COMBRA
JEFFREY LABELL
JASON LEW
THOMAS NORBURY
DAVID POTHIER

HARBORMASTER/MARINA

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The following report is for the 2012 season at the Oak Bluffs Marina, which officially ended on the Tuesday, after Columbus Day weekend.

As always, the objective of this report is to assess the performance of the Marina in its latest season, and to identify goals for the organization in the coming year.

Current Year Financial Results – The Marina resumed its upward trend after two years of somewhat flat growth due to the ongoing recession and two consecutive years with hurricane threats. Fair weather and more economic confidence resulted in the marina having a successful season. As a result the Marina took in \$931,290.00 a \$40,270.00 increase.

2012 was the first season the new privatized launch was in operation and I can report we had great feedback from our customers. A new diesel vessel was purchased with the ability to hold twice the number of passengers as the Town launch was licensed to carry insuring this important and needed operation could continue.

Oak Bluffs Marina Goals for 2013 Season and Beyond – In order to maintain and build the Marina as a reliable revenue source for the Town, planning must be made several years ahead at any time. The harbor channel was finally dredged properly by the Army Corps. After a 7 year wait. They brought the channel down to a record depth of 12 to 14ft low water. In addition to this they will be

responsible for maintaining the channel into the future at very little cost to the Town.

We have begun the process to look into the viability of running a Town owned fueling facility located next to the Harbormaster office. The need for a reliable full service fuel facility is paramount in the success of the marina as well as a great new revenue source for the Town. Not having access to fuel within a harbor that hosts as many transient and local boats as Oak Bluffs does, would be disastrous for our operation going into the future.

As always I would like to thank my staff for their professionalism and courtesy when interacting with our customers. Oak Bluffs Harbor is the most popular and financially successful harbor on the Island and this is greatly due to their efforts.

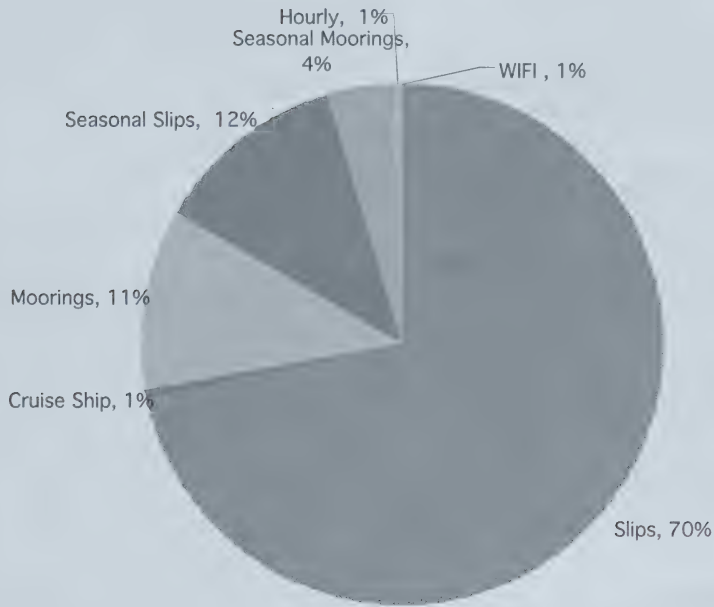
I would also like to thank Rich Combra and his staff at the Highway Dept. Chief Blake, Tim Williamson, Jeff Labell and the officers of the Police Dept. for all their help throughout the summer.

Wendy Brough needs recognition for her professionalism and who has become the voice of the Marina. Her consistently calm demeanor and professionalism is much noticed and appreciated.

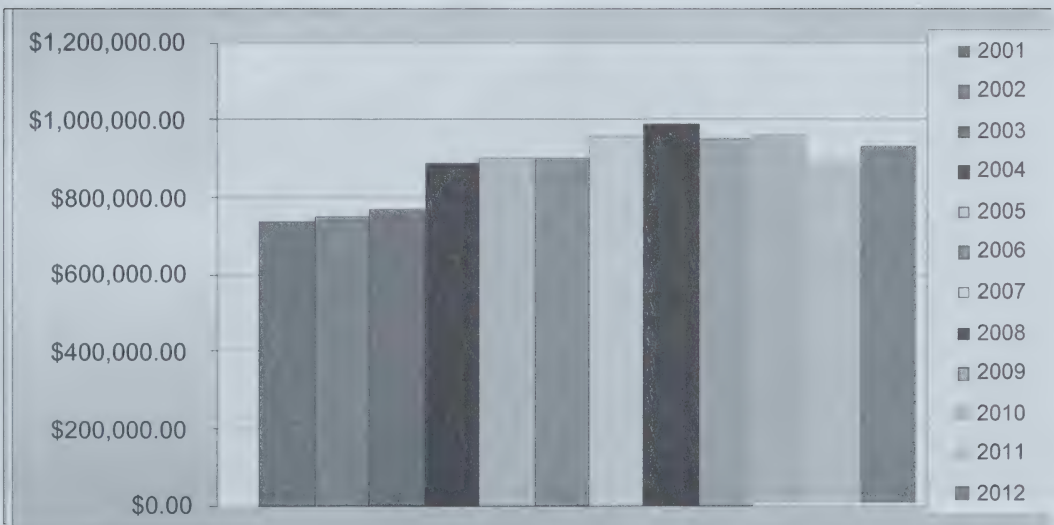
Respectfully submitted,

TODD ALEXANDER
Oak Bluffs Harbormaster

Revenue Breakdown 2012



Yearly Revenue Comparison



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Coastal Preservation & Climate Change

As we saw firsthand in 2012, hurricanes and northeasters are becoming more severe, due largely to climate change, the effects of global warming. The sea is rising, storms are becoming stronger and more frequent, and the results include more flooding, more erosion of beaches, banks and dunes, and increased damage to coastal properties and infrastructure.

In 2012 storms washed away the old Town bulkhead by the East Chop Beach Club parking lot. Part of the East Chop bluff slumped badly enough to require a partial road closure. The North Bluff suffered erosion, the beaches lost large amounts of sand, and low-lying roads washed out several times. The Town has been declared eligible to apply for FEMA emergency repair funds.

Yet Oak Bluffs is ahead of the curve when it comes to planning for the impacts of climate change on our coast.

We are pro-active because our shoreline - the beaches, ponds, salt marshes, and scenic coastal roads - is the foundation of our economy. Not to mention the inherent values of the natural world, including those that sustain us by providing food, shelter, clean air and water.

The Conservation Commission is working with other Town departments, the state, engineers, and coastal geologists to adapt to the impacts of climate change on our shoreline. The following projects are underway:

- North Bluff: The Town filed for two state grants for funds to build a new, higher seawall, including a universally-accessible boardwalk to improve pedestrian access between the Oak Bluffs Harbor and Steamship Authority.
- Sea View Avenue Beaches: The permitting process is underway to allow for beach nourishment below mean high water at North Bluff, Pay and Inkwell Beaches to expand the beaches for recreation and to protect shoreline roads and homes from storm damage and flooding.



East Chop Drive overwash

- **Cleaner Beaches:** Permits are being sought to divert stormwater from Pay and Inkwell Beaches.
- **East Chop Bluff:** Engineered plans are in the works for a major stabilization of the bluff to protect East Chop Drive, one of the most historic and scenic roads in Town.



Jetty Beach Erosion

Many Town departments and committees are working to protect the natural environment and address climate change: to shore up and repave the low-lying end of East Chop Drive by Crystal Lake, restore Farm Pond, improve water quality in Sengekontacket and Lagoon Ponds, rebuild the harbor jetties, and help preserve State Beach. In 2012 Sengekontacket Pond was opened for limited shellfishing for the first time in five years. Two years ago the Town adopted a new, state-of-the-art Floodplain Overlay District Bylaw and accompanying regulations to better protect public health and safety in the flood zone.

Addressing climate change now is critical to preserving the character and economy of Oak Bluffs. The coast will change – perhaps dramatically – in coming years and by planning now we will be better able to respond to the impacts in both the short and long term.

Wetlands Protection

Meanwhile, one of the Commission's most important roles is the administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands

Protection Act and the Oak Bluffs Wetlands Bylaw. The goal of these laws is to ensure that projects in and near wetlands (beaches, banks, dunes, salt marshes, and the flood zone) do not have a negative impact on the environment.

In 2012 over 30 projects were approved, including septic system upgrades, renovations and additions, and vegetation plans. One project, a pier in the Lagoon, was denied because it was proposed to be built in shellfish habitat.



NB Stairs

Administrative duties include writing permits with specific conditions to protect the wetlands, including drainage and landscape plans, issuance of permit extensions, amendments, and certificates of compliance. Two enforcement matters were resolved in 2012. Time was also well spent assisting property owners with permit applications under the wetlands regulations.

Open Space & Sailing Camp Park

The Sailing Camp Park is 15+ acres of open space conservation land off Barnes Road with beautiful views of the Lagoon and outer Vineyard Haven Harbor. The mainstay building is rented for weddings and other functions under the capable hands of marketing administrator John Breckenridge. For rental information call 508-693-8616. The mainstay is also rented in season by the Children's Theatre Workshop and the Vineyard Haven Band. Sail Martha's Vineyard hosts their sailing program from the boathouse on the park's beach.

This year the Commission has applied for Community Preservation Act funds to develop a trail system throughout the park to make it more accessible to the public for walking and enjoying the views. The beach and park grounds are open to the public from dawn to dusk.

2013

In 2013 the Commission looks forward to finalizing the new Oak Bluffs Open Space and Recreation Plan and



Parking Lot

moving forward on on-going coastal resource protection projects.

Thank you

Thank you to retired Commissioners Caleb Nicholson and Evangeline Costa. Thank you to Margaret Knight and all the Conservation Commissioners, Terry Appenzellar, John Breckenridge, Penny Hinkle, and especially chairman Joan Hughes, for going the extra mile when the office was temporarily unstaffed. Welcome to the newest member, Ron Zentner. And thank you to all Town departments for your cooperation and support, especially the Shellfish Department, Highway Department, Community

Preservation Committee, office of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, and the Building/Zoning Department.

Public Meetings & Contact Information

The Commission meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the Town Hall. Call or email with any questions: 508-693-3554 x118 and edurkee@oakbluffsma.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZ DURKEE
Conservation Agent

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is our pleasure to submit the annual report of the
Oak Bluffs Park and Recreation Department.

The daily maintenance of the parks during the summer
was performed by the Highway Department personnel and
we would like to thank them for their hard work at keeping
the parks maintained.

The Ocean Park Bandstand was finally finished when
the whale weathervane was restored to the top.

The Town parks remain a favorite location for many
events; these include the African-American Cultural
Festival in Hartford Park, Possible Dreams Auction, Della
Hardman Day and the Wind Festival in Ocean Park,
Midsummer Faerie Festival and the Open Market in
Washington Park. The Sunday evening band concerts in
Ocean Park by Vineyard Haven Band are an annual family
favorite for both visitors and residents.

The popular summer basketball program continues
under Program Director Michael Joyce. The summer camp
is in three week sessions for youths ranging in age 9 to 16
years old with participants coming from all over the island
and the world. The camp counselors are either current or
former high school basketball team players who enjoy
returning every year to teach to the next generation. There
is also a very competitive evening basketball league for
both men and women.

The annual "Vineyard Streetball Classic" remains
popular event as they celebrated their tenth year in 2012.
New this year was the "Battle in the Bluffs" that was a
combination of basketball fundamental clinics for campers
age 8 to 16 and various tournaments for those over the age
of 17. We look forward to seeing both in 2013 as they are
committed to helping raise funds for the much needed
rehabilitation of the basketball courts.

The Town continued with the maintenance of the
tennis courts and the tennis program was again contracted
out to Karon Wojtkiello. If the FY 2014 Park budget is
passed at Town meeting, there should be a return of
lifeguards to the Town beaches along Sea View Avenue.

Special events such as weddings may be held at the
Bandstand in Ocean Park and at East Chop Lighthouse or
any other Town beach or park; applications are available
through the Town's website (www.oakbluffsma.gov)
which then must be submitted and approved by the
Commissioners.

At the April 2012 elections, Allan "Buddy"
deBettencourt was re-elected to the Park Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD COMBRA, JR
ALLAN A DEBETTENCOURT
AMY BILLINGS

EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Ms. Susan Mercier, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Ms. Mercier:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is my distinct honor as Superintendent of Schools to offer this annual report to you and the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS). Again this year, our schools have been busy places with dedicated teachers and support staff, active students and many meaningful activities. In their individual school reports, each of our school principals details many important staff activities - curriculum work, professional development experiences, new programs and strategies developed and day-to-day hard work - as well as a multitude of student outcomes including MCAS results, academic arts and sports awards and drama and music presentations.

As a result, I will focus my comments on the broader island-wide activities and happenings that make Martha's Vineyard such an exciting place.

This school year brought a new state-mandated evaluation system for all professional educators from the Superintendent to principals and teachers at all levels and in all subjects. While extremely time-consuming, this new approach focuses all our efforts on improving educational practices and improving student achievement. As required, we first met with the teachers' association to work out every detail of this new system and then began intensive training for all administrators and supervisors who will conduct these evaluations. Over the next three years, the system will be fully implemented, first with classroom observations, then adding measures of student growth and finally with feedback from a wide range of stakeholders. This important project was capably spearheaded by Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt.

In conjunction with this evaluation work, the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools is working carefully to upgrade its curriculum using the Common Core Standards as adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This work has involved teachers at all schools and in all disciplines. Not only will we move to these common standards but we will also begin to put in place common assessments and a more integrated approach to teaching and learning.

At the very same time, we were conducting negotiations with the five bargaining units that comprise our unionized workforce - teachers, ESP's, custodians, secretaries and cafeteria workers. Three years ago, these discussions took over 22 months, but hopefully we can shorten that timeframe this round. Representing the school committees are members of each committee as well as several additional representatives from the individual towns. These negotiations will result in not only a salary agreement but also several important language changes.

As many in our community probably already know, long-time Director of Student Services Director Dan Seklecki retired at the end of last year, and we looked long and hard for a suitable replacement. After advertising twice and conducting numerous interviews and site-visits, we settled on a candidate who began on July 1st. Unfortunately, she quickly decided that doing this job on our little Island was more than she felt she could handle, leaving us without a director as the summer progressed. Thankfully, West Tisbury Assistant Principal Donna Lowell-Bettencourt possessed the required Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) licenses and agreed to serve as interim director. Donna has done a fantastic job of keeping our special programs moving forward while at the same time completing all the work required for our six-year Coordinated Program Review conducted by the DESE. This important work would not have been possible without the dedicated staff from across the Island and especially secretary Kym Cyr and Leah Palmer, ELL Coordinator.

Donna and her team have also seen continued growth in the need for our shared services special programs funded through the Superintendent's Office but serving elementary students from all districts - Project Headway, Bridge and Social Skills. An increasing number of young children are entering our schools, beginning in pre-school at age 3 with significant needs both medical and educational. The staff of the MVPS is committed to developing programs and services that meet the full range of youngster's needs.

The care of and planning for our facilities has consumed a great deal of time this year, especially for School Business Administrator Amy Tierney. The West Tisbury School, which recently completed a building envelope project, moved forward with a project to transform its small serving kitchen to a true school

cafeteria kitchen. This work, done in large part by volunteer labor from the Island community was completed on time and within budget allowing the cafeteria program for Up-Island to finally come to fruition. Also Up-Island, the Town of Chilmark installed a bathroom in the pre-school at the Chilmark School. Unfortunately as this work was being completed, we did find some issues with the building envelope at this small building that will require work going forward.

The Tisbury School Committee empowered a School Needs Committee to evaluate the needs of the school and develop options to address what was uncovered. The School Committee hired Flansburgh Architects to conduct this work, and the study is complete with several exciting options for moving forward. The School Committee and the Town will now need to decide on next steps – building a new school or renovating the present structure. At the same time in Vineyard Haven, the Superintendent’s Office Building Committee worked with architects from Keenan and Keeney to conduct a feasibility study of the present Superintendent’s Office. The result of this work was a proposal to build a new structure on the High School campus to house all the staff and programs presently located in the Pine Street building. The Committee has requested that we look for ways reduce the size and cost of this building and that work is ongoing.

In closing, I would like to offer my congratulations to a significant group of retiring Island educators. Most impacted this year are Martha’s Vineyard Regional High

School, along with the Tisbury School and the West Tisbury School. At the High School, these changes represent well over a hundred years of service and include both Leo (Business Education Department Head) and Janice (Art) Frame, Fine Arts Department Head Paul Brissette, long-time English Teacher Keith Dodge, Title I and Language Teacher Jacquie Callahan, Library/Media Specialist Sandra Mott and Special Education Secretary Carol Whitmarsh. The Tisbury School will see Mathematics Teacher Greg Coogan, Title I Teacher Judy Geigler, Nurse Jeanne Dowling and ESP Kate Grillo moving on to other endeavors. West Tisbury will bid farewell to Industrial Technology Teacher Valerie Becker, Grade 5 Teacher Pat Kelly and English/Language Arts Teacher Fran Finnegan. Rae Carter will leave Oak Bluffs after serving the ELL students for many years. Best wishes to all.

These last eight years serving the Vineyard’s students has shown me once again how special this place is and how lucky I am to be able to work here. While nowhere is perfect, our Island gives everyone the opportunity to live in a place with beautiful beaches, great walking trails, the best of nature and most of all dedicated people working carefully to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn and grow.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. WEISS, ED.D.
Superintendent of Schools

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Dr. Weiss:

With the beginning of the New Year, we, at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, would like to take the time to reflect on all of the great things that have been accomplished at our school since last year. We are extremely proud of all we have done, but we are also very thankful for the support of the parents, community, and the staff that make so many of our young people's dreams come true each and every day.

The mathematics department is working conjunctively with other major disciplines to implement the freshman academy beginning with the class of 2016. The academy targets the training and collaboration of specific teachers to work together cross-curriculum to improve student achievement and assist with a freshman's transition to high school. In conjunction with this program, the department purchased electronic textbooks (ebooks) for each freshman, enabling them to access their books, assignments, and instructional support from anywhere. The department's belief is that these ebooks will prove to be a most beneficial way to improve student achievement. In addition, because of the lower initial cost of an ebook license compared to the hard copy cost of a book, and without deterioration or loss of an ebook, we feel this to be a fiscally responsible course to take. We would like to subsequently continue the conversion to ebooks for sophomores and juniors.

In April, language students experienced language and culture firsthand on trips to Quebec City and Spain. The students toured historical sites, enjoyed local cuisine, and put their language skills to the test! Later, in the spring, the excitement continued with the successful celebration of our annual World Language Night that showcased student work and provided students with an opportunity to share their work with the community. This year we welcome two Spanish teachers to the department: Jessica Bertucci, who joined us in January of last year and has returned as a full time teacher; and Lisa Bonneau, who is very excited about her work with Spanish I students.

In English, thirty of our current seniors who took the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition exam in May achieved scores that were the best ever on the AP English Language and Composition exam since the AP program started at our school 25 years ago. The College Board reports scores on a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest possible score a student may receive on the exam. Incredibly, 40% of our students earned a score of 5. Another 40% earned a score of 4. To put these numbers into a perspective--globally only 10.9% of students earned a 5; and only 20.2% earned a 4. Thus, while 80% of our students earned a 4 or 5--only 30.1% did so globally.

The English department faculty also helped students achieve at a very high level on the 2012 MCAS English exam. The students earned a 97 % proficient or advanced passing rate on the exam.

For the third time in six years, the New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) awarded its highest honor, the All-New England Award for Excellence in Scholastic Journalism, to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's student newspaper, the High School View, and the talented students who create it. The newspaper also received the Highest Achievement Award in Scholastic Editing and Publishing, a state level accolade. The honors acknowledged the excellence of the entire collection of newspapers published during the 2011-2012 school year and all of the student journalists who produced them. In addition to these two awards, three students received individual Special Achievement Awards for excellence in scholastic journalism. Four of our students had their writing selected for several major accolades by The Boston Globe Scholastic Writing Awards program. This is quite an accomplishment and honor considering how few pieces are actually selected for awards. Lastly, the High School will be losing the services of retiring English teacher Keith Dodge, who will conclude his teaching career at the end of this school year. Mr. Dodge has served as both teacher and department chair with distinction, enthusiasm, and kindness. His students frequently acknowledge his inspiring style and gentle spirit. He will be deeply missed by the entire school community.

The science department finished off the 2012 school year with a fabulous Science Fair in February. We were able to offer two new electives, Forensics, and Anatomy and Physiology, which were well received by the students. This summer we sent our physics teacher, Dana Munn, to Advanced Placement (AP) Academy in St. Johnsbury to work on the latest requirements for the AP test, while Elliott Bennett, the department chair, spent time in Fort Collins, Co, being trained as to how best to teach the new AP biology curriculum. This fall, she was a presenter on this topic at this year's National Association of Biology teachers. Debra Swanson finished her Masters in Geosciences. We hired a new chemistry teacher, Dr. Timothy Thibodeau, and an alternative education science teacher, Anna Cotton, who has been working closely with our department to allow for seamless transition to the Alternative Education Program. Julie Schmidt won the Massachusetts Environmental Educator of the Year award, granted by the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Natalie Munn, one of our chemistry teachers, created an engineering challenge, which has been very popular with the students and is a collaborative effort with the math department to offer our students informal ways to learn

about the interface of math and science. The department as a whole has been working to inventory and update equipment and align our curriculum to the districts power standards, as well as increasing our vertical alignment of Scientific Inquiry throughout the subjects we offer.

Ten art students brought home the gold from The Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards this year, along with 7 silver and 15 honorable mention winners. Our school received more awards and in a broader range of categories than during any previous year. Photography students also won recognition in contests at The Cape Cod Times, M. V. Magazine, and the Nikon Corporation. Several senior shows were held at The Old Sculpin and Featherstone Galleries and, as usual, our Evening of the Arts was a huge success. It is also a sad moment for our art program as two of our extremely gifted teachers will be moving off into retirement. Janice Frame, who has been at the High School for 12 years overseeing all of our drawing and painting courses, will be retiring. We are also losing Paul Brissette, who has been with us in the role of department chair for 30 years. It is through Paul's dedication and foresight, and the deep love and creativity of Janice, that our art department has become one of the premier departments in our school. They will be deeply missed.

In the performing arts department, the Musical Theatre Production Class wrote, staged, and performed an original musical, 'The Enchanted Cap,' for elementary students. This year's students are writing a revue featuring all the musicals that have been performed here at MVRHS over the last eight years; this will be presented to the Island's 7th and 8th graders in January 2013. The String Orchestra continued to provide music for the senior center luncheons, while the Vocal Ensemble entertained at local senior centers, involving the audience in sing-a-longs and rhythm instrument accompaniment. In addition to these and other music and theatre classes, the performing arts department held many events over the last year. These included performances at senior centers as well as Windemere, collaboration with the visual arts department on Evening of the Arts, assessment day and department concerts, student-directed short plays, and the Minnesinger's 45th anniversary celebration at their spring shows and the traditional 'Christmas in Edgartown' performances at the Whaling Church. Students also auditioned for and participated in off-Island music festivals, and the original play, 'Gossip,' was presented to the community and students, and at the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild competition.

The year 2012 was a record-setting year for the athletic department at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. Presently, MVRHS participates in 19 Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Varsity programs. Of those 19 teams, 16 of them qualified for post-season events/tournaments. During the winter and spring seasons we had every team qualify for post season, with

the girls' hockey team qualifying for the first time. In addition to this run of success, the boys' tennis team won the Division III State Championship with a record of 24-0. During this run, Ned Fennessy recorded his 250th win as the MVRHS boys' tennis coach. Congratulations go out to Ned.

During the winter season the boys' basketball team was lead by the State Basketball Coaches Association's Coach of the Year, Mike Joyce, which is the second consecutive year Mike has earned post-season Coach of the Year recognition. The team won the Eastern Athletic Conference regular-season championship and made a post-season run all the way to the State South Sectional Finals, where they upset by a very strong Wareham team.

Two other teams had very strong post-season runs of their own. The girls' basketball team strung together two wins in the tournament, which saw them go all the way to the State South Sectional Semi-finals. The girls' tennis team had a very successful regular season with an EAC title and went to the South Sectional Semi-finals as well.

In the spring we qualified for the New England Championships, held this year in Maine, by placing in the State Individual meet in the shot put. During the fall we earned a spot in the State Open Cross Country Championship meet held at Northfield Mountain, in Northfield Mass.

The Island Cup game was one of the best ever. It contained late game heroics by a host of players recognized by the American Rivalry Series. The Vineyarders scored two touchdowns in the last 4:11 to make the comeback win a memorable one for the ages.

Since the start of the 2012-2013 school year, the special education department has been quite busy supporting students and new staff. The school year started with new leadership. Mr. Will Verbits is the new Special Education Director at MVRHS. In addition to Mr. Verbits, there has been several new staff members (both teachers and educational support personnel) hired to provide special education instruction and support services to all of our enrolled special education students. The special education department is working hard to support these students, who have various diagnosed disabilities. Of particular news is the beginning of a new Therapeutic Support Program (TSP) that is designed to support students who have diagnosed emotional disabilities. This new program is currently providing outstanding therapeutic instruction and academic support to 9 students. On a newsworthy sad note, the special education department is about to lose their long-time department secretary, Ms. Carol Whitmarsh, who will retire in January 2013. We will be sad to see Carol leave us, as she has provided many years of dedicated employment and support to this department. We wish Carol well in her retirement.

The teachers and students in the newly reorganized MVRHS Alternative Education Department work collaboratively to provide an alternative to those students and parents who want a different, more personalized, approach to their educational experience. The learning environment sets this program apart; core academic classes meet daily and are shorter in length while class sizes are kept small (10-15 students) to maintain a lower teacher-student ratio.

The MVRHS Alt Ed program believes that a voluntary, collaborative, heterogeneously team-based approach that is student-centered, supportive, and open to new ideas can fundamentally change a student's high school experience. We are attempting to build and grow a community that promotes an engaging, hands-on experience where learning is celebrated and inquiry is an ongoing process. We are proud to say that at the end of the first academic quarter we have 41 students who have voluntarily enrolled in our program. This number is over twice the size of our combined alternative programs from last year.

The physical education department has made a commitment for students to be more responsible with their assessment in Physical Education class. Students are required to complete daily journal entries. These entries involve self-assessment tools to analyze their work rate, fitness exercises' performance, and their progress in the activity. In the health department, a supplemental curriculum was added to augment the current curriculum. This supplemental curriculum, All Stars Senior, is designed to improve health behavior. The goal of each of the 10 modules is to engage students in actively making decisions about living healthy lives.

This year will be the final year for Leo Frame, who has worked so hard both guiding our business department as the chair and as advisor to the Young Brothers to Men group that he brought to fruition many years ago. His tireless work has allowed our young people to give back to

the community in the form of tutoring, mentoring, and, of course, their wonderful efforts to those in need during the holiday season. His dedication and inspiration will be missed.

In conclusion, we have had another fantastic year here at MVRHS. Our staff has worked tirelessly on: a new state-based teacher evaluation system, working on new standards in varying subject areas; implementing two new student-based programs; the writing of new curriculum plans for all of our courses; and all the while preparing for a major in-depth accreditation visit. Our students have represented us, as they always do, in thoughtful and amazing ways: on the athletic fields, at the Statehouse, with Close-Up in Washington, the Model UN in New York, during Wellness Day, through Peer Outreach, and on our Race Culture Retreat. They have won awards in art, music, writing, and journalism. They have demonstrated that they can be successful in the classroom, in the community, and, through their volunteerism, throughout the world. We have a 96% graduation rate, a 1% drop-out rate, a 97% passing rate on the MCAS for math, and a 99% passing rate for science and English. Students placing in the advanced and proficient categories exceed the state in every subject. Our SAT scores are competitive against the state and national scores, and almost 70% of our students go on to a four-year college. Through student hard work, staff dedication, and an unparalleled level of support from the community, especially noticeable through our phenomenal scholarship awards annually, we believe at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School we can address every student's passion. MVRHS, a place where we collectively: *Aspire, Collaborate, and Engage.*

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN NIXON, Ed.D

Principal

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Statement of Net Assets

Government Funds Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds – Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

General Funds - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances, Budget and Actual

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,392,104
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	544,676
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	932,388
Due from Agency Fund	584,431
Total current assets	<u>4,453,599</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	1,730,209
Capital assets not being depreciated	179,744
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>14,337,627</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>16,247,580</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>20,701,179</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	386,120
Accrued payroll	982,664
Other liabilities	45,619
Compensated absences	26,482
Long-term bonds and notes payable	<u>1,165,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>2,605,885</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated absences	238,334
Net OPEB obligation	5,441,567
Long-term bonds and notes payable	<u>1,375,000</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>7,054,901</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>9,660,786</u></u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	11,977,371
Restricted for:	
Other specific purposes	469,341
Unrestricted	<u>(1,406,319)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 11,040,393</u></u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,830,093	\$ 562,011	\$ 2,392,104
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Intergovernmental	2,559,938	102,659	2,662,597
Due from Agency Fund	584,431	-	584,431
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	544,676	544,676
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,974,462</u>	<u>1,209,346</u>	<u>6,183,808</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES:			
Warrants Payable	291,934	94,186	386,120
Accrued payroll	892,673	89,991	982,664
Other liabilities	45,619	-	45,619
Deferred revenues	2,559,938	-	2,559,938
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,790,164</u>	<u>184,177</u>	<u>3,974,341</u>
 FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	-	477,484	477,484
Committed	402,704	548,017	950,721
Assigned	54,896	-	54,896
Unassigned	726,698	(332)	726,366
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,184,298</u>	<u>1,025,169</u>	<u>2,209,467</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 4,974,462</u>	<u>\$ 1,209,346</u>	<u>\$ 6,183,808</u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES			
Member town assessments	\$ 13,175,262	\$ -	\$ 13,175,262
User fees	746,690	605,655	1,352,345
Intergovernmental:			
State Aid-foundation	2,691,760	-	2,691,760
State Aid-transportation	408,177	-	408,177
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	881,813	-	881,813
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	86,802	-	86,802
State Aid-circuit breaker	-	233,461	233,461
Other state and federal grants	1,757,409	1,491,448	3,248,857
Departmental Receipts	40,359	32,925	73,284
Contributions and donations	-	5,005	5,005
Investment income	19,751	1,126	20,877
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>19,808,023</u>	<u>2,369,620</u>	<u>22,177,643</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	4,584,251	552,541	5,136,792
Special Education	1,792,414	819,784	2,612,198
Vocational	464,375	66,080	530,455
Other	68,865	10,655	79,520
Support Services:			
Pupil	1,582,701	115,929	1,698,630
Instructional	335,840	211,097	546,937
Administration	1,645,061	29,994	1,675,055
Business	81,100	-	81,100
Building and grounds	1,070,922	51,023	1,121,945
Transportation	1,205,129	22,687	1,227,816
Food	-	434,719	434,719
Community services	-	161,759	161,759
Pension benefits	2,073,491	-	2,073,491
Employee benefits	2,270,652	-	2,270,652
Property and liability insurance	254,589	-	254,589
State Assessment			
Charter school	759,085	-	759,085
Debt service-principal	1,275,000	-	1,275,000
Debt service-interest	154,975	-	154,975
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>19,618,450</u>	<u>2,476,268</u>	<u>22,094,718</u>

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>189,573</u>	<u>(106,648)</u>	<u>82,925</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in	-	73,181	73,181
Transfers out	<u>(73,181)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(73,181)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(73,181)	73,181	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	116,392	(33,467)	82,925
FUND BALANCE , Beginning of year	<u>1,067,906</u>	<u>1,058,636</u>	<u>2,126,542</u>
FUND BALANCE , End of year	<u><u>\$ 1,184,298</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,025,169</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,209,467</u></u>

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GENERAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES,
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	Prior Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Current Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
REVENUES								
Member town assessments	\$ -	\$ 13,175,262	\$ -	\$ 13,175,262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,175,262	\$ -
User fees	-	551,250	-	551,250	746,690	-	746,690	195,440
Intergovernmental:								
State Aid-foundation	-	2,691,760	-	2,691,760	2,691,760	-	2,691,760	-
State Aid-transportation	-	224,335	-	224,335	408,177	-	408,177	183,842
State Aid-school	-	881,813	-	881,813	881,813	-	881,813	-
construction reimbursement	-	881,813	-	881,813	881,813	-	881,813	-
State Aid-charter school	-	319,415	-	319,415	86,802	-	86,802	(232,613)
assessment reimbursement	-	24,800	-	24,800	40,359	-	40,359	15,559
Departmental Receipts	-	40,000	-	40,000	19,751	-	19,751	(20,249)
Investment income	-	17,908,635	-	17,908,635	18,050,614	-	18,050,614	141,979
TOTAL REVENUES	-	17,908,635	-	17,908,635	18,050,614	-	18,050,614	141,979

EXPENDITURES

Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular	2,609	4,646,861	-	4,649,470	4,584,251	4082	4,588,333	61,137
Special Education	4,195	1,499,265	-	1,503,460	1,792,414	-	1,792,414	(288,954)
Vocational	-	468,324	-	468,324	464,375	2,444	466,819	1,505
Other	6,097	91,543	-	97,640	68,865	582	69,447	28,193
Support Services:								
Pupil	3,131	1,598,469	-	1,601,600	1,582,701	4046	1,586,747	14,853
Instructional	1,307	339,272	-	340,579	335,840	1375	337,215	3,364
Administration	3,349	1,678,037	-	1,681,386	1,645,061	3393	1,648,454	32,932
Business	8,398	96,551	-	104,949	81,100	-	81,100	23,849
Building and grounds	43,268	1,237,908	-	1,281,176	1,070,922	38719	1,109,641	171,535
Transportation	-	1,175,565	-	1,175,565	1,205,129	255	1,205,384	(29,819)
Pension benefits	-	316,719	-	316,719	316,082	-	316,082	637

	Prior Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Current Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
Employee benefits	-	2,282,826	-	2,282,826	2,270,652	-	2,270,652	12,174
Property and liability insurance	-	258,066	-	258,066	254,589	-	254,589	3,477
State Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charter school	-	789,254	-	789,254	759,085	-	759,085	30,169
Debt service-principal	-	1,275,000	-	1,275,000	1,275,000	-	1,275,000	-
Debt service-interest	-	154,975	-	154,975	154,975	-	154,975	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	72,354	17,908,635	-	17,980,989	17,861,041	54,896	17,915,937	65,052
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(72,354)	-	-	(72,354)	189,573	(54,896)	134,677	207,031
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers out	-	-	(73,181)	(73,181)	(73,181)	-	(73,181)	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(72,354)	-	(73,181)	(145,535)	116,392	(54,896)	61,496	207,031
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	1,067,906	1,067,906	1,067,906	1,067,906	1,067,906	1,067,906	1,067,906	-
FUND BALANCE, End of year	\$ 995,552	\$ 1,067,906	\$ 994,725	\$ 922,371	\$ 1,184,298	\$ 1,013,010	\$ 1,129,402	\$ 207,031

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dr. James H. Weiss, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
RR2, Box 261
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Weiss,

I am grateful for the tremendous efforts of our students and staff and the continued contributions of our parents and community volunteers. The Oak Bluffs School Community experienced a very successful year in 2012 and I am confident that the momentum of improvement will carry through the remainder of this school year and beyond.

The Oak Bluffs School is a high achieving school as evidenced by state aggregate scores on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System. Entering the 2011-2012 school year, the Oak Bluffs School was designated under corrective action by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This designation required that our school respond over the next two years with improved scores among our high needs children to avoid being placed under significant sanctions by the commonwealth. In February of 2012, Massachusetts schools were granted an alternative to measuring the growth of schools. Under the new system, schools are required to demonstrate acceptable improvement in closing the achievement gap between high needs learners and the aggregate population.

Our school experienced a dramatic turnaround this past year, attributed to the efforts of our children and teaching staff in the context of this new measurement. The Oak Bluffs School achieved the highest growth on the Island. Our children rank in the 87th percentile on the Progress Performance Index in the entire commonwealth. We are no longer under the watch of the state. The Oak Bluffs School now operates in the top designation for schools, Level 1 of 5.

Oak Bluffs students athletes excel in sports as well, winning island championships on a consistent basis. Our Blazer staff is a leader in the implementation of the Responsive Classroom Social Curriculum and it continues to provide a high quality education for our children despite challenging economic times.

In looking to strengthen our programs and practices, we have made some significant changes to our format and structure this past year while honoring the traditions and practices that make the Oak Bluffs School a special place. We hope to enhance our consistency and unity of direction by having a significant number of our teachers move down in grade levels or take on additional assignments. By doing this, the priority standards that we teach within our curriculum frameworks will be articulated K-8. Those

teachers who are changing assignments will share the standards of their previous grade levels with their new grade level team members. This year, our staff will have an enhanced ability to collaborate and articulate our priority standards and emphasize the consistent expectations of our school that are so necessary. In going through this process, I was extremely moved by the willingness of our staff to embrace changes that have profoundly impacted their professional lives. Their dedication has affirmed my own strong feelings that I have for our school.

As a principal, I recognize the efforts that have been made on the part of our staff to improve instruction. In our shared leadership model, teachers have the opportunity to regularly collaborate with one another, sharing their best practices in the interests of our students. The collective capacity of our staff, along with our talented, hard-working children will ensure for continued high achievement among our student body.

Using the collective capacity of our community to facilitate student achievement inspires confidence in knowing that our school will continue with its successes and growth in all areas. The strength of our school lies in the teaching staff and the students who apply themselves to improve. It is through their efforts that our school will continue this turnaround.

I wish to recognize and thank the many parents who have participated in creating successful, well-educated children through their gifts of time and talent, and our supportive and committed group of parents and community members on the School Advisory Council, School Committee, and PTO, who meet regularly in support of our school. Their efforts serve as a model for our children who have given back in support of our community. I also wish to express my gratitude to the community members and leaders of our town. Our students benefit from the town's continued support in emphasizing a strong academic program for our children delivered by a very talented and dedicated staff of teachers, specialists, assistants, and support staff.

We have much to be proud of in regards to the accomplishments of the children and staff of the Oak Bluffs School and our continued collaborative efforts among our staff, students, and parents in earning a reputation for helping to foster wonderful, accomplished, high achieving students.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHIE SMITH
Principal

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

This year was one of great changes for the Library. Despite all the adjustments with staff, the Library continued to offer meaningful programs and services to our community. We focused on making our Library better for the future by working with Hayes Design Studios to create a new website, logo, mission statement and slogan which was completed right before the end of this year. A six-month long endeavor, the Library will now create more of an impact in the community and will be able to better serve our patrons.

Library Staff: Former Director Danguole Budris, Acting Director and Children's Librarian Sondra Murphy, Reference Librarian Miki Wolfe, Administrative Assistant/Acquisitions Associate Rosemary Hildreth, Circulation Manager Anna Marie D'Addarie, Library Assistants Pamela Speir and Jonathan Burke, Library Aides Jaime Durham, Lisa Pyden, Anne Caldwell, Leigh French, Eric Alexander, Alicia Wolff, Courtney McKinney, Felicia Cheney, Sarah Hines, Kayla Medeiros, Colleen Morris, Pam Melrose, and Elizabeth Marsh. Special thanks to Raymond Moreis of the Highway Department.

Board of Trustees: Chairperson Robert Huss, Shelley Brown, Beatrice Green, Lloyd Henke, Ann Ross, Peter Palches.

Library Volunteers: Betsy Abromaitis, Steve Auerbach, Janet Bobbin, Shelley Brown, Felicia Cheney, Sara Crafts, Anne Cummings, e l Edwards, Don Hinkle, Helen Hinkle, Muriel O'Rourke, Austin Simonin, Duncan Walton, Tomm Warburton, Ann Owens. Our volunteers have put in over 470 hours of their time into making the Library neat and organized! Thank you so much.

Library Statistics:

Library Visits.....	70,421
Total Number of Materials Checked Out.....	106,785
Total Number of New Materials	
Added to the Collection:	5,820
Total Number of Network Transfers	
Borrowed:	11,956
Lent:	25,848
Registered Overdrive Patrons.....	495
Total Overdrive Circulation by	
Oak Bluffs Patrons:	1,633
Facebook	
Likes	234

Staffing Changes: After two and a half years without a Reference Librarian, we hired Miki Wolfe in November! Originally from Rhode Island, she brings with her knowledge of social media and current technologies that will benefit both staff and patrons. We are so lucky to have

her. A Reference Librarian is a very important role in the Library, providing everything from user instruction to grant writing, reader's advisory, and adult programming.

Jonathan Burke was hired as a Library Assistant in October. This position had been vacant for over a year. He had been working part-time on the circulation desk when he was hired. The vacancy had previously been filled with Library Aides, but consistency is extremely important to the daily function of the Library. We are so very glad to have him!

In July, Director Danguole Budris resigned from the position, leaving Sondra Murphy as the Acting Director.

Changes in Hours: In January of this year we changed our hours back to two late nights and being open until five every other weekday. We found that this benefits the staff greatly- giving them an hour of time before the staff comes in the building to do maintenance tasks they couldn't do before. We have heard positive feedback from the public. We also started having bi-weekly staff meetings on Fridays. This allows us to discuss ongoing and future programming, concerns, and initiatives.

Adult Programming: The library was home to some wonderful programs this year, despite the lack of an Adult Programs coordinator for most of the year. Ongoing events include weekly Scrabble and Chess, weekly Coffee Time with coffee and baked goods donated by Tony's Market, weekly Writer's Group led by Judith Campbell, a monthly Knitters' Group, and a monthly Book Club, led by Scotty Vail and Carol Dell. The first Thursday of every month, the library showed a documentary film, and the last Thursday of each month was set aside for a new-release film.

In addition to the ongoing programs we have a number of other programs spanning the year of 2012 at the library. In March we had a reading by author Judith Campbell, the third book in her Olympia Brown "Mission Mysteries" series. from their book. In May, author Tom Dresser spoke about his book "Disaster off Martha's Vineyard." In June, flamenco guitarist Alberto del Almar performed to an adoring crowd. We also had an artist's reception for David Grey, in which over 50 people came. He sold many paintings that day! In July, Michael Wooley gave his compelling presentation about the ocean to a crowd of over 50 people. In August, author Eleanore Wells came to the Library to read from her new book, "The Spinsterlicious Life." President John Adams gave a riveting speech about his life to a very entertained crowd, and the author of "Sword," Jack Lynch came to read. We also had a bench-warming celebration for the Anita Parker memorial bench, donated by her friends and the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs. It was a very special ceremony, and everyone was very moved. October brought National Fossil Day again; thanks to Fred Hotchkiss, 89 people came to check out



as best as she could to keep up with children's programming. In January we had our first "Doctor Who Day," drawing lovers of the TV show of all ages- not just children. Tween Wii time continued until the Summer, bringing at least 10 kids each time. Clifford the Big Red Dog came to the Library in February, and 53 kids came with their parents to listen to stories and hug the lovable dog. We also made Valentines for our loved ones, and had a Pokemon Club meeting in the same month. March brought the Second Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover to our Library, and 50 people came! Sondra attended a conference on Autism where she bought great books on the subject

some really cool fossils! Holly Nadler also told spooky ghost stories to a crowd. Thanks for the spectacular programming, everyone!

In May, Sondra attended the Massachusetts Library Association conference in Danvers. She mingled with fellow librarians from across the State and made important contacts. In December, the new Reference Librarian, Miki Wolfe, hosted a program on eBooks and eReaders, to help library patrons with device purchasing decisions, which was very popular!

Over the holidays, the entire Oak Bluffs Library was decorated by staff for a grand total of ten dollars! Staff members used recycled materials and old books to make festive decorations like wreaths, trees and garlands.

Children's Room:

Having to split her time up between being the Acting Director and the Children's Librarian, Sondra Murphy tried



for the collection, and met Temple Grandin! Kids from the Wampanoag Tribe used our program room to celebrate their successful reading program. In April we had one, amazingly successful program: the Easter Egg Hunt! Inside and outside the Library was packed with children, over 350 people came! In June, seventy 2nd and 3rd graders from the Oak Bluffs School came to the Library for a tour and to check out Library books. It's one of our favorite days of the year! Sondra also hosted "Petits Francophones," a storytime for kids who speak French or who want to speak French.

The Summer Reading Program was made wonderful by three local businesses that donated their products: The Game Room, Good Ship Lollipop, and Ben & Bill's Ice Cream. Thank you to our sponsors! 223 kids signed up for Summer Reading- the highest numbers in years! Programs we had were "Songs to Know and Love," by the wonderful Jessica Carroll, author readings by Becky Loescher and Jacqui Boulter, mermaid stories from Sheila Baker, and weekly crafts with Nora Dyke! Kids also tie-dyed, made crafts outdoors, and decorated lanterns (donated by Gloria Wong) with Sondra! Storybook character Lilly came to Storytime in August, after visiting all the Island Libraries. President John Adams came to the Library for a full day of programming for both children and adults, sponsored by the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs. Marcus the Magician and Gus Ben David came to the Library for a visit, bringing with them magic and amazing animals, respectively. Once again, stuffed animal friends slept over at the Library during the Stuffed Animal Campout! 25 fluffy pals joined us for a sleepover and a breakfast the next day.

In October, Library Assistant Kayla Medeiros put together two programs: cupcake decorating and jewelry making! The kids had a blast! Our annual Halloween party was an immense success this year- over 100 people came! We trick-or-treated at the Reference and Circulation desks, made crafts, played in the Spooky Tunnel, and watched spooky movies. We're so glad the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs could help us out with that program. November brought another yearly program: International Games Day! Participating libraries all over the world dedicated a day to all games: virtual and 3D. What a great year in the Children's Room!

Library Friends of Oak Bluffs:

Thanks to the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs and its Steering Committee who plan and carry out fundraising and membership development activities, as well as provide support for programs, activities and outreach throughout the year. The members of the 2012 LFOB Steering Committee are Patience Campbell, Betty Daniels, el Edwards, Betsy Marshall, Marilyn Miller, Colleen Morris, Janet Morris, Muriel O'Rourke, Carol Seale, Abraham Seiman, Rachel Seiman, Lois Virtue, Alan Willens, Les Woodcock and Ronald Zentner.

Programs Sponsored

- An armchair tour of Trustees of Reservations properties on the Island
- A presentation on the effects of Climate Change, in collaboration with Felix Neck
- Basic Computer Skills and Technology Answer Man seminars in May and June
- Summer Reading and year-round Children's Programs
- Summer Reading t-shirts and a summer-end pizza party
- Annual Book Sale in July was most successful to date ... thanks to volunteers, eager supporters, community turn-out
- Staff Appreciation summer BBQ by Friends and Trustees
- "Meet John Adams" program for children and adults
- Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt for 300+
- Halloween party for 100 participants
- Hosted Holiday Open House for community



Purchases for the Library

- Play cube activity center for younger children
- Cricut machine
- Rotating book display stand for books from the Children's Collection
- Storytime Easel
- Laminating machine
- Extra copies of high-demand books
- Donation for memorial bench to honor Anita Parker
- E-Reader Technology Initiative – purchases include Kindles, Nooks, tablets, iPad, etc. to be used for training public and Staff in current technologies
- Promotional book baskets, tote bags, magnets, pens, sticky notes, bookmarks in support of OBPL re-branding

Fundraising and Membership Activities:

These activities and purchases that benefit the programs and services of the OBPL were made possible by

community support for the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs. The Friends are extremely gratified by the generous response to their annual fund-raising and membership drive, as well as the Friends popular summer Book Sale. Thanks to their contributors, the Friends were able to expand support to the Library in 2012. As the Friends celebrate their 25th anniversary in 2013, they look forward to support Staff in developing Adult programming, Community outreach and to promote technology development for Staff and Patrons.

The Library Friends of Oak Bluffs is a community organization made up of volunteers, from all walks of life, who share an appreciation and love of the Oak Bluffs Public Library. All are welcome to join by becoming supporting or active members. The Friends welcome your membership, your moral support, your financial support, your participation in developing and presenting Friends programs and events to support the Oak Bluffs Public Library.

The Friends mission is to promote the Library as an active, dynamic education and information center in the

Community and to support and to enhance the Library's programs, services and collections.

The Friends can be reached at
LibraryFriendsOB@gmail.com or
PO Box 1421, Oak Bluffs.

Thank you to all of our patrons, Friends, staff, volunteers, and supporters. Without your never-ending enthusiasm and help, we wouldn't be able to do all that we do.

Respectfully submitted,

SONDRA MURPHY, Library Director
Oak Bluffs Public Library
www.oakbluffslibrary.org

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PETER PALCHES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

We, the Board of Health respectfully submit our annual report for the calendar year 2012.

The following is a list of services provided by the Board of Health and its agent during 2012:

• Soil Evaluations	41
• Food Permit Inspections and follow-up.....	211
• Septic Inspections (field)	81
• Septic Designs.....	63
• Building Permit Application Reviews	78
• Housing Inspections.....	32
• Condemnations	3
• Complaint Investigations and follow-up.....	49
• Technical Assistance Requests	2602
• Training/Workshops	15
• Water/Beach Testing Reports	32
• Recreational Camp Inspections and follow-up.....	4
• Swimming Pool Inspections	3
• Food Product Recalls	164
• Board of Health Meetings.....	21
• Pumpout permits	229
• Food Service Permits	133

Total Revenue for the calendar year 2012:.....\$65,252.00

The Town continues to offer septic loans to homeowners that qualify for and meet the financial criteria. If you think you may be eligible for a new septic system, please contact the Board of Health office.

We had our annual flu clinic in September this year and vaccinated 682 people.

In December we collaborated with the MV Hospital and VNA for an additional flu clinic and vaccinated 812 people.

2012 completed the second year of the 5-year grant from the Martha's Vineyard Hospital to reduce the incidence of tick-borne illness on Martha's Vineyard. Highlights of the year include strong success in building and developing the website (MVBOH.org) where information specific to Martha's Vineyard ranging from the lyme disease life cycle to illness recognition, prevention and treatment. We encourage all residents to become familiar with this website and use it as a resource on an

ongoing basis. Also, the grant work enabled us to purchase access to a national database of prescriptions written on Martha's Vineyard. From the database we were able to sort the information based on the medications doctors prescribe to treat tick borne infections (primarily doxycycline for lyme). The data confirmed what we have all believed based on earlier available information. There is a high incidence of lyme disease on Martha's Vineyard. We've learned there is enough doxycycline prescribed on MV to treat approximately 2,000 people each year. It is important to remember that some of those prescriptions were written as lyme preventative treatment after a tick was found attached but before the disease was confirmed. A certain percentage of those individuals would never have developed as lyme positive cases. However, approximately 1000 doxycycline prescriptions per year represent a high risk for lyme. We encourage everyone to use the MVBOH.org website to educate themselves on landscape management and personal disease prevention methods that can be employed to reduce the risk of tick bites. Additionally, it is well established that the deer tick population is closely linked to the size of the deer herd. If deer are plentiful or you have deer that frequent your yard or property, there is a greater likelihood that your yard will also have high deer tick density. Landscape management and deer population management are both ways to reduce the number of ticks in your yard. We encourage you to contact the Board of Health office to learn more about what you can do to reduce the risk of tick borne illness. The grant work has also allowed us to develop a speaker's bureau and materials for public presentation to support educational talks in the community. Please check the MVBOH.org website for scheduled presentations during the upcoming year.

The board invites you to attend its public meetings held on two Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall. Check the website or call for specific dates.

Thanks go out to our health agent, Shirley Fauteux, food inspector, Ron Tolin and office assistant, Colleen Morris.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WHITE, Chairman
PATRICIA BERGERON, Member
DAVID CARON, Member

COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

It is with great satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment that I make this report on the Council on Aging.

I would like to thank the staff, Rose Cogliano and Susan vonSteiger, the Board of Directors: Karen Achille, Francis Bernard, Bob Blythe, Sandy Blythe, Jackie Hunt, Helen Scarborough and Les Woodcock along with the many volunteers who generously give their time and talent to the Senior Center.

At the 28th Annual celebration of the Heritage Day of Portugal held in the State House, Ruth Metell, the Senior Center Volunteer of the year received the "Portuguese Heritage Award which recognizes individuals who have excelled in their lives and who served as a role model for others.

In July, we had a luncheon to recognize Bob and Sandy Blythe as "Volunteers of the year" for their devotion to the Center. Both are members of the Board of Directors and also Friends of the Oak Bluffs Council on Aging. Bob is the chairman of the Board of Directors and vice chairman of the Friends. Sandy serves as the treasurer of the Friends and recording secretary of the Board of Directors. Both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Senate "recognized" them for their willingness to contribute to the needs of the center. The Director was honored to make the presentation.

We have received grants from:

Rotary Club (fuel assistance)	\$1,000.
Endowment Fund (fuel assistance)	2,000.
2013 State Formulary Grant	7,763.

The Council on Aging building is used by many community groups. Among them are the Zoning Board of Appeals, Park Commissioners, AA, Caribbean Potluck, ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History) Al-Anon, Ballroom Dance Group, the Wednesday Men's Bridge Group and the Friday Bridge Players.

On December 6, 2010, the Martha's Vineyard Hospital Health initiative review team awarded the Council on Aging Collaborative \$51,670 per year for five years. The collaborative comprises Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, Edgartown and the Up-Island Council on Aging. The result is Project CORE: Counseling, Outreach, and Referral for the Elderly in cooperation with Island Counseling Center of MV Community Services. Project CORE addresses the inter-relations of health, social and case management needs of elders. CORE provides coordinate care through a combination of community, office and home based health and support services to people 55 and older. CORE served

thirty Oak Bluffs residents last year. CORE was modeled after a program started at the Oak Bluffs Council on Aging.

The Hallowe'en party was successful, with over forty people attending, many of them in costume.

Fifty seniors along with the Board of Selectmen attended the Christmas party. Rose made her famous lasagna and in lieu of exchanging gifts, food donations were made to the Island Food Pantry. The Oak Bluffs School children serenaded the group with Christmas carols.

Gretchen Mayer, Duncan Pickard and the director delivered meals to the homebound on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The following is a list of monthly and weekly programs the Council on Aging provides and the number of participants.

OUTREACH SERVICES:

Incoming calls.....	1868
Outgoing calls.....	1276
Office visits.....	722
Visit to client homes.....	154
Hospital visits.....	49
Windemere visits.....	8
Woodside visits.....	10
Drugstore pick up for clients.....	48
Mail pick up for clients.....	71
Grocery shopping for clients.....	48
Take clients to doctors.....	21
Core clients.....	30
Fuel assistance.....	71
Off site meetings.....	36

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Afternoon bingo.....	0
Alice Rose birthday celebration.....	76
Bingo at night.....	118
Blood pressure clinic.....	131
Christmas party.....	52
Dental clinic.....	10
Elder legal clinic.....	2
Foot care clinic.....	24
Freedom Riders film presentation.....	24
Hallowe'en party.....	42
Hearing clinic.....	40
Legal clinic.....	98
MA disabilities presentation.....	6
Men and Ladies luncheon.....	418
Minnesingers chorus.....	12
Poetry for fun with Barbara.....	10
Polar Bears Club presentation.....	49
Richard Clark "Love Letters".....	25
SHINE.....	6

Social Security	168
Valentine's Day luncheon	37

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Bridge	526
Chair caning	107
Computer use	192
Conversations	433
Craft afternoon	2
Cribbage	91
Duplicate bridge	467
Exercise with Bill	579
Exercise with Floyd	209
Exercise with Sue	448
Fish distribution	380
Hand and foot game	183
Knitting with Nancy	42
Line dancing with Esther	117
Mah Jong	182

Men's cards	338
Morning coffee	3075
Nustep exercise machine	91
Quilting with Glenna	385
Rummy kube	22
Scrabble	163
Treadmill use	473
Woodcarving	150
Nutritional lunch	2084

Our staff and volunteers have a wealth of knowledge and information to share with anyone needing help. The constant support and recognition we receive from our citizens inspire us to continue providing the highest quality of care to our community

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER WEY, Director

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Mission statement:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living provides services that promote dignity, self-worth, self-sufficiency and a life lived to its fullest potential.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services:

Information and referral:

55PLUS Times

The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Online:

www.mvcenter4living.org

This website provides an online resource for information about the services we provide. In addition, it offers and an on-line local search capability with links to the "Network of Providers"; the many agencies on Martha's Vineyard that provide a wide range of services to 55+ islanders.

Medical Taxi (transportation to off-Island medical appointments):

In FY2012, the Medical Taxi program provided 173 Islanders (unduplicated) with transportation (1024 one way trips) to medical appointments in Falmouth, North Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich, Yarmouth and Hyannis. This program is funded with a \$7,000 grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, a \$2,500 grant from the Permanent Endowment of Martha's Vineyard, over \$5,000 in donations from participants, and the in-kind administrative support and management by MV Center for Living. In addition, MVC4L collaborates with the Vineyard Transit Authority and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority link islanders with alternative transportation to medical appointments both on and off-island.

Supportive Day Program:

The Supportive Day Program is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate in, or access the services offered through general Senior Center programming and activities. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers. The program operates 4 days per week (Monday & Wednesday at the Anchors Senior Center in Edgartown; Tuesday and Friday at the Tisbury Senior Center) and includes transportation, nutritious meals and snacks, and a wide range of activities and exercise programs and most importantly, loving, careful attention to individual needs on both a physical and emotional level.

In FY2012 the Supportive Day Program continued to be stretched to the limits of current space and staffing

capacity, serving 30 individuals (unduplicated) and their families with over 20,000 hours of care, support and respite.

Older Americans Act:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, under the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living budget. In FY2012, the towns on Martha's Vineyard contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program. The demand for Nutrition Program services, in particular the Meals on Wheels program has increased greatly in recent years; it is anticipated this trend will continue.

Regional Lunch Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Students plan, prepare and serve the meal, and talented students from the Music Department provide entertainment. Between 30 and 40 islanders 55 and over attend these events on a monthly basis. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates and provides funding for the home delivered holiday meal program, providing a home delivered meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages between 40 and 60 meals on each of these holidays. The local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns.

Emergency Food Cupboard Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is the designated island sponsor and lead member of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program. As such MVC4L coordinates five designated "Emergency Food Cupboards" (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven).

On a monthly basis, each of the 5 sites orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank warehouse in Boston. MV Center for Living is responsible for coordinating the pick up and delivery of these shipments for distribution to needy island families.

Beginning in January 2012, Island Food Products (IFP) stepped up and volunteered to pick up our orders at the Greater Boston Food Bank in one of their refrigerated

trucks. Because of this generous offer, we have been able to increase the amount and quality of the food we distribute. In FY12, over 52,000 pounds of food (canned, fresh and frozen) valued at nearly \$30,000 was distributed through the emergency food program, serving an average of 175 households or 200-250 individual islanders, including children and elders every month.

FEMA:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is designated to receive and allocate, when available, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funds that are earmarked to assist low-income seniors with overdue utility bills and rent or mortgage payments when all other resources have been exhausted. In FY12, we were allocated

\$2448 and were able to assist 15 individuals, paying 13 past due utility and/or rent bills.

Through Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services, 55+ islanders have benefited from the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. The on-going support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP, Executive Director
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
And the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of elders and assisting them to maintain maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging and the Commonwealth's designated Aging Services Access Point for Martha's Vineyard. Elder Services also hosts the federal Corporation of National Services' Senior Service Corps. A complete list of publicly funded programs administered by Elder Services is attached to this report.

Our Nutrition Program expanded by 31% during FY 12; 38,073 meals purchased from Martha's Vineyard Hospital (\$282,611) were served. 204 individuals received Meals on Wheels; 225 seniors attended our Senior Dining Programs located in Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Up Island senior centers and the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Supportive Day Program.

Our Home Care Program provided support services to help 178 elders remain safely in the community; necessary services were purchased from local service providers: (\$602,295)

76 Elders received 7,213 hours of Personal Care Services (Vineyard Nursing Association) \$224,434.

108 Elders received 8,113 hours of Homemaker Services (Vineyard Nursing Association) \$229,196.

6 Elders received Skilled Nursing (Vineyard Nursing Association) \$7,307.

55 Elders received Personal Emergency Response Systems (Lifeline Systems) \$10,777.

11 Elders received 515 days of Supportive Day Care (Martha's Vineyard Center for Living) \$25,350.

48 Elders received 2,308 hours of Homemaker Services (Greater Boston Home Care Services) \$55,068.

12 Elders received 641 hours of Personal Care Services (Greater Boston Home Care Services) \$15,204.

41 Elders received Housekeeping and Laundry Services (A-1 Cleaning Service, Airport Laundromat, Fuller's Cleaning) \$34,960.

For Fiscal Year 2012, local organizations were awarded Older Americans Act funds to provide additional community services.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living (Medical Transportation)

Martha's Vineyard Community Services (Caregivers Support Group)

Vineyard Health Care Access Program (Seniors Assistance Program)

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head/Aquinnah (homemaker, companion and transportation services)

Elder Services uses federal, state, town and private funds to provide services and maintain programs. The value of these funds is greatly enhanced by Town support, the cooperative efforts of the Councils on Aging and the many Island residents who volunteer their time and skills. We are proud of our accomplishments, appreciate the value of the community support we receive and expect to continue to work collaboratively and productively to meet the challenges of the future.

PROGRAMS and SERVICES

Information & Referral: A central source of information on all services available to older adults on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the entry point for referrals to Elder Services' many programs.

Call 800-244-4630, 508-693-4393, or visit our website at www.escci.org

Protective Services: Help is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for anyone over the age of sixty who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited, or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect.

Home Care Program: Services are provided to help an elder remain safely in the community; Care Managers will assess the needs, develop a service plan, and arrange for supports. To qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.

Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Up-Island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered in every town for any elder who is homebound.

Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides education, advocacy, and connections to community resources that will enable the caregiver to better care for their loved ones as well as themselves.

Money Management Program: Volunteers, trained and certified, meet with elders in their homes to help them balance their checkbooks, pay bills, and other routine financial management tasks.

Mature Workers Program: Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

Senior Service Corps: A corps of volunteers who enhance the community by participating in a wide variety of service activities.

Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elder aged 60 and older or

individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, supports and settings.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Residents of nursing and rest homes can depend on the Ombudsman Program to protect their rights and ensure good care. Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care. The Ombudsman Program is a central source

of information for family members wanting to learn more about long term care resources.

Long Term Care Screening: Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

Respectfully submitted,

JACQUE CAGE,
MV Director

PLANNING AND LAND USE

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

3091.4 acres, representing 5.4% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the Land Bank office in Edgartown.

Acquisitions

2012 was a year for completing projects — four in total — some of which were commenced two full decades earlier.

The earliest was the 1990 plan to acquire lands in Vineyard Haven surrounding the Manter well, which supplies drinking water to residents. The town mapped the well contribution zone and pledged to acquire certain properties, assigning others to the Land Bank. All were acquired as planned save one, which remained outstanding on the town's list. In 2012 it became available at a reasonable cost and the Land Bank offered to contribute 25% of the \$400,000 price. The 9.2-acre property, sold by Jan Dabrowski as probate court commissioner, was integrated into the Tisbury Meadow Preserve.

The high ridge over Cape Poge Pond in Edgartown was prioritized by the Land Bank in 2004. A series of acquisitions followed, the last — and largest — of which was acquired in 2012. Comprising 41.1 acres and including 900 feet of beach plus four ponds, the property was purchased from E. Baldwin Self, Jr. et al. at a price of \$4,950,000. Donations totaling more than \$500,000 were raised by the Chappaquiddick Open Space Committee, in order to assist the Land Bank, with the prospect of additional donations in the future. The land is part of the Hickory Cove Preserve.

The Quammos Preserve, also in Edgartown, expanded by 7.7 acres via two gifts by Richard and Laura Chasin. They had sold some 23 acres to the Land Bank in 2008 and at that time leased to the Land Bank the two properties which they eventually donated in 2012. Both advance Land Bank goals: one helps keep green and undeveloped an intersection (where the Chappaquiddick, Litchfield and Quammos Roads meet) and the other guarantees useful access to the Katama Bay at the foot of the Quammos Road.

The last of the four acquisitions comprised 11.8 acres and was purchased from Philip Norton, Jr. for \$900,000. It completes the conservation plan first undertaken by the Land Bank in 2000 when it prioritized the undeveloped lands — both field and woodland — along Edgartown's westerly entrance into town, on the West Tisbury Road. In

that time the Land Bank created two new preserves — the Ben Toms Preserve and the Sweetened Water Preserve — and purchased an agricultural preservation restriction over the Morning Glory Farm. The 2012 purchase of Mr. Norton's land finalized the Ben Toms Preserve, which now includes nearly thirty acres and nearly 2000 feet of frontage on the public highway.

In addition, the Land Bank continued to purchase partial interests in properties across the island.

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Peco Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Tea Lane Farm, Three Ponds Reservation, Tiasquam Valley Reservation and the Waskosim's Rock Reservation.

A management plan for the Southern Woodlands Reservation was approved under both the Land Bank law and the endangered species law. A trailhead was created, off the County Road, and a westward trail was installed. Part of this trail included a new path down the escarpment along the Barnes Road, just opposite the causeway which separates the Lagoon Pond and the Upper Lagoon Pond.

A significant link in the Cross-West Tisbury Trail was opened: a trail between the John Presbury Norton Farm and the Wompesket Preserve. The terrain includes a brook bridged by a boardwalk, plus a small field enclosed on three sides by restored stonewalls.

Grasslands were expanded at the Felix Neck and Hickory Cove Preserves. The old north hangar at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve was removed and the area was reseeded.

Management plans for the Ocean View Farm Preserve and the Toad Rock Preserve were approved by the Land Bank and are awaiting final action in Boston. Expansion of the Peaked Hill Reservation necessitated another updating of its plan, which will be brought to public hearing in 2013.

Ongoing maintenance continued on various Land Bank properties across the island.

Cross-island hike

The Land Bank's twentieth annual Cross-Island Hike celebrating National Trails Day — annually the first Saturday in June — began on the Vineyard Sound at the Wilfrid's Point Preserve in Tisbury and concluded eighteen miles later on the Katama Bay at the Katama Point Preserve in Edgartown. Thirty hikers began at Wilfrid's

Pond; fourteen hikers finished at Katama Point, with eight having completed the entire hike.

Budget and related matters

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its entirety,

which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the Land Bank office: finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the Land Bank office:

	fiscal year 2012 budgeted	fiscal year 2012 actual	fiscal year 2013 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$ 6,350,000	\$ 7,496,989	\$ 6,100,000*
administrative expenses	(\$ 486,175) 7%	(\$ 461,204) 6%	(\$ 474,418) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 828,737) 12%	(\$ 774,178) 10%	(\$ 748,695) 10%
debt service expenses	(\$ 5,751,512) 81%	(\$ 5,632,094) 75%	(\$ 6,505,337) 84%
reserve expenses	(\$ 30,000) 0%		(\$ 30,000) 0%
transferred funds	\$ 746,424	\$ 0	\$ 1,658,450
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 0	\$ 629,392 8%	\$ 0

Transferred funds are receipts from previous fiscal years which were, given current reduced revenues, utilized for debt service. As of December 1, 2012 the Land Bank treasury contained an unencumbered \$6,445,000.

The asterisk (*) indicates the Land Bank's revenue projections.

Tisbury Fund	\$ 460,111	6%
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 412,921	6%
central fund	\$3,748,449	50%
	\$7,496,898	100%

This represented a 3% decrease over the previous year.

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted several gifts of cash: \$21.80 from Our Island Club; \$100 from Rebekah Zanditon; \$100 from Tammy Kallman in memory of Wayne Kallman; \$1000 from the Aquinnah/Gay Head Community Association; and \$1000 from Galit Zadok.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2012 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 87,068	1%
Chilmark Fund	\$ 790,671	10%
Edgartown Fund	\$ 1,467,184	20%
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 530,494	7%

Commissioners and staff

The Land Bank commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Glenn Hearn, West Tisbury; Carlos Montoya, Aquinnah; Edith Potter, commonwealth; Thomas Robinson, Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Matthew Dix, foreman; James Dropick, conservation land assistant; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

This report summarizes the 2012 activities of the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Last year, the Commission adopted the Wind Energy Plan for Dukes County, prepared a Site Design and Landscape Policy, and carried out several other important planning efforts for the Island and individual towns. These dealt with affordable housing, coastal planning, community planning, economic development, transportation, water quality, and wind energy. Many of them implement the community's objectives as expressed in the Island Plan. Forty-five development projects were referred to the MVC for regulatory review and the Commission revised its thresholds for determining what proposals should be referred to the MVC, the DRI Checklist.

The seventeen-member Commission is made up of nine Commissioners elected bi-annually to represent the public, and eight appointees – one each by the Governor, County Commission, and the six Vineyard Boards of Selectmen. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of ten.

More detail about the ongoing work of the MVC is available on the Commission's website: www.mvcommission.org.

ISLAND-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Affordable Housing: The MVC supports a variety of affordable housing efforts.

- **Housing Needs Assessment:** Last year, the MVC and all six Island towns agreed to participate in and fund an Island-wide Housing Needs Assessment to provide current information for project planning and grant writing. The Study Committee selected a consultant who started work in September and submitted an interim report in December. The study should be completed by April 2013.
- **Community Development Block Grants:** The MVC assisted five towns' Boards of Selectmen with FY2013 Department of Housing and Community Development's CDBG Applications by drafting Community Development Strategies. The MVC also worked with town administrators to gather supplemental materials and coordinate public hearings for FY2013 CDBG Applications (prepared by Bailey Boyd Associates). In its nine years, this program provided almost 16 million dollars of forgivable zero-interest loans to about 300 income-qualified homeowners for critical home renovations and about 100 childcare subsidies.
- **General Support:** The MVC facilitates quarterly meetings of the Joint Affordable Housing Group, made up of town and non-profit community housing entities.

Staff assists towns by providing legislative updates and information about federal and state programs, grant opportunities, and workshops. MVC staff also serves as technical advisor to the Vineyard's Community Development Advisory Committee and works in coordination with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority.

- **Housing Trusts:** Staff assisted Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, and Tisbury with formalizing their Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund committees in conformance with state guidelines. In May, the MVC partnered with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership to host a workshop about how to use a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning: The MVC works with towns on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development and mitigating natural hazards that threaten the Island.

- **Coastal and Ocean Planning:** MVC worked with the towns and Commonwealth to secure federal "No Discharge Designation" for Vineyard waters. The MVC participates in federal (NEPA) and Commonwealth (MEPA) project reviews. The MVC Coastal Planner serves as the Governor's appointed representative for the MVC on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission, which continues involvement in the evolution of the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan since adoption.
- **Hazard Management:** The MVC is working with the seven Dukes County emergency managers on an update of the Dukes County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, which must be renewed in 2013 to keep the towns eligible for FEMA funding of mitigation measures.

Community Planning: The MVC worked on a variety of planning efforts.

- **Site Design and Landscape Policy:** The MVC adopted a Site Design and Landscape Policy that gives guidance about laying out and landscaping properties. Prepared in collaboration with the Polly Hill Arboretum, it will be used in MVC DRI project review and is available for use by town boards, non-profit organizations, and members of the public.
- **Community Character and Planning:** MVC staff provided technical assistance to the Town of Chilmark in drafting a new residential bylaw that seeks to ensure that new buildings harmonize with community character by requiring project review for large projects and setting upper floor space limits. Staff provided technical assistance to the Town of West Tisbury for its Master Plan revision with respect to mapping, socio-economic data, and preparing for a residents' survey.

Economic Development: The Commission's mandate includes promoting a sound local economy.

- **ArtsMV:** MVC staff provided support to the Martha's Vineyard Arts and Culture Collaborative, playing a major role in preparing the *Martha's Vineyard's Arts and Culture Planning Report*. Last October, ArtsMV collaborated with Cape Cod to promote *Fall for the Arts*, a variety of events including a Creative Economy Speaker Series.
- **Data Collection and Outreach:** The MVC provides the towns, business community and public with economic and demographic information from federal and state sources and with legislative updates and information about federal and state programs, grant opportunities, and workshops relating to economic development or tourism. Each year, MVC staff responds to more than 400 requests for economic and demographic information from town boards, businesses, individuals and non-profit organizations. The MVC also serves as an affiliate to the state's Data Center through the UMASS's Donahue Institute. The MVC worked with the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation and other partners to sponsor free entrepreneurial workshops. The MVC, Chamber of Commerce, and Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board work together to implement state Workforce Development Initiatives.

GIS: The MVC geographic information systems staff provides spatial analysis and cartographic production to aid MVC and town planning efforts, including custom cartographic services to towns, organizations, and individuals.

- **Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS data warehouse and provides data to towns, consulting groups working on town projects, academics conducting research, state agencies, and local residents. The Island-wide trails and open space data received a major update last year with trail updates acquired through GPS fieldwork conducted by the MVC or an Island conservation group.
- **Software Installation and Training:** MVC staff provided technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, including installation of a basic dataset. All Island towns and the MVC are partners in this agreement providing unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, twice-monthly GIS how-to sessions, and technical support via phone and email.

Transportation: The MVC is responsible for transportation planning on the Vineyard, in association with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

- **Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates the JTC, made up of appointees from each town and the County.
- **Transportation Improvement Projects:** Every year, the Vineyard gets federal and state funding for transportation improvement projects, coordinated and scheduled by the JTC. In May, MassDOT completed the

FY2011 project, reconstruction of the Upper State Road sidewalk in Vineyard Haven. Last fall, MassDOT awarded a contract for the FY2012-4 project, the Oak Bluffs Roundabout, and survey work started at the end of the year; construction is scheduled for March 2013 and it should be operational by Memorial Day, with landscaping to be completed next fall.

- **Drawbridge:** The MVC facilitates the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee, which worked with the Oak Bluffs and Tisbury boards and MassDOT to ensure that the design of the permanent drawbridge reflects community concerns. Last year, the MVC organized a series of meetings and prepared extensive comments on the landscape design. MassDOT finalized the plans and advertised for a contractor in December 2012.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee:** This JTC subcommittee meets monthly to plan improvements for cyclists and walkers such as plans to extend the Beach Road bike path to route around Five Corners and production of a cyclist pamphlet with map and safety rules. MVC staff assisted the local Mass in Motion effort with Bike/Walk-to-School Maps showing walker and bike friendly routes to Vineyard's schools.
- **Trails Planning:** Under a contract with the Land Bank, the MVC Trails Planner works on extensions to the Island's network of trails.
- **Data Collection:** The MVC conducted traffic counts at 65 locations in 2012. These are used to help town boards and the MVC evaluate the transportation impacts of proposed development projects such as Developments of Regional Impact.

Water Quality: The Commission continued its scientific and community work related to help protect the Vineyard's water quality.

• **Massachusetts Estuaries Project:**

The Commonwealth's MEP carries out detailed modeling to indicate the extent of water quality problems in coastal ponds and help identify the most cost-effective way to solve them. The MVC provides extensive water-quality testing and land use data analysis as a basis for the MEP studies. Last year, the Commission compiled detailed land use data for Tisbury Great Pond, Oak Bluffs Harbor, and the Upper and Lower Chilmark Pond watersheds. MVC staff compiled parcel data on land use (zoning, year-round versus seasonal use, number of buildings, tie-ins to town water and sewers, water usage, number of potential future buildings). The MEP presented its final report for Lagoon Pond in December and draft reports for Farm and Sengekontacket Ponds. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection determined Total Maximum Daily Loads for Farm Pond, Sengekontacket, and Lagoon Pond, setting the targets for nitrogen-reduction efforts. MVC staff worked with the joint Sengekontacket Pond Committee, the Lagoon Pond Committee, and the Tisbury

Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.

- **Water Testing:** MVC staff took water samples of Katama, Pocha, Cape Pogue, Tisbury Great Pond, Oyster Pond, and Mill Brook, and assisted sampling of Edgartown Great and Chilmark Ponds.
- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance and all Island pond advisory committees.

Wind Energy: The Commission works with the towns and community to plan for wind energy development on land, and in state and federal ocean waters.

- **Wind Energy Plan for Dukes County:** The Commission and a work group comprised of representatives of all seven County towns, the Tribe, and community groups completed a multi-year effort to prepare a Wind Energy Plan for Dukes County, to guide the siting, erection and decommissioning of wind turbines on land and in the ocean. The Plan establishes the basis for town zoning and MVC review of DRI proposals, and looks at federal waters – beyond town or MVC regulatory authority – to help the community participate in planning there. The MVC adopted the Plan in October 2012.
- **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:** The MVC, towns and Tribe are members of the Massachusetts Task Force providing input into the federal government's plans for developing large offshore wind farms south of the Vineyard. The MVC helped coordinate meetings on the Vineyard with state representatives to guide this development. MVC staff reviewed and provided extensive comments on a number of complex matters concerning leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf.

DRI's: The Commission's review of Developments of Regional Impact generally results in considerable improvements to projects to mitigate their environmental, traffic, and other impacts.

- **Projects Reviewed:** In 2012, 45 projects were referred to the MVC, of which: 11 were approved with conditions, 13 were minor modifications remanded back to towns without DRI review, 5 were projects referred for "concurrency" reviews sent back to towns without DRI review, 2 were previously approved DRI's returning for approval of aspects of their plans, 1 dealt with an easement between two DRI's, 1 was granted an extension, 3 were withdrawn, 4 are on hold at the applicant's request, and 4 are still under review. No applications were denied.
- **DRI Checklist:** The MVC made important revisions to the DRI Checklist, which determines which projects are referred by towns to the MVC for review. The revised Checklist was adopted last December and goes into effect next year. The Commission's GIS staff began work on an on-line interactive map allowing users to see if a parcel overlaps any DRI trigger regions.

DCPC's: Districts of Critical Planning Concern are designated by the Commission to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, supporting special town regulations.

- **Island Road District – Special Ways:** In February, the MVC amended the Special Ways Zone of the Island Road District, offering clarifications of text including the uses allowed by right.
- **Island Wind District:** In late 2012, the MVC extended interim regulations of the Island Wind District to allow adoption of individual regulations at town meetings. The MVC designated the District in 2009 to help regulate wind turbines and coordinated development of draft model regulations for use by towns.

Collaboration: The Commission facilitates collaboration on many fronts.

- **Education and Training:** The Commission hosted several courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the general public including *Stormwater Management*, *Flood Insurance Rate Maps*, and *Site Plan Review*. The MVC sponsored two workshops on Complete Streets and hosted several webinars concerning bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safety. It distributed to town boards an inventory of training materials from past workshops and webinars available for loan from the Commission. MVC staff attended the State's *Fourth Annual Conference on Regionalization*.
- **Inter-Regional Collaboration:** The MVC is an active member of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies where the executive directors of the Commonwealth's thirteen regional planning agencies meet monthly to discuss legislation and funding programs with senior Commonwealth officials, and to collaborate on many fronts. The Executive Director and staff periodically confer with their counterparts on the Cape and Nantucket, on technical issues and legislation affecting the Cape and Islands.
- **All-Island Board Meetings:** The MVC coordinates regular meetings of all Island Conservation Commissions and other groups to promote the exchange of ideas across town boundaries and provide informational opportunities with presentations and discussions of topics of shared interest.

Finances: The Commission's FY2012 income was \$1,236,046, of which 64% came from town assessments, 31% from grants and contracts, and 5% from other sources. Expenses were \$1,404,590 of which 48% was for salaries, 24% for salary-related costs, 14% for legal fees, and 14% for other expenses. The annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness. The budget and financial statements are on the website.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

Economic Development and Affordable Housing

- **Affordable Housing:** MVC staff worked with the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen to draft a Community Development Strategy for FY 2012 CDBG Grant Application for approximately \$900,000. Staff assisted

Oak Bluffs with formalizing their Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee in conformance with state guidelines.

- **Economic and Demographic Data Updates:** The MVC provided specific economic and demographic information to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Board of Health.
- **Oak Bluffs Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Group:** MVC staff served as liaison to the Oak Bluffs Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Group.
- **Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Grant:** MVC staff assisted the Oak Bluffs Town Administrator in applying for a grant to conduct a Comprehensive Parking Management Study for the downtown commercial district.

Geographic Information Systems

- **Mapping:** MVC staff prepared an Oak Bluffs street map for the Town's Highway Department and Assessor's office. Maps were also provided to the Town's Emergency Manager.
- **Software Support:** MVC staff provided ArcGIS software installation to the Oak Bluffs Water Department.

Transportation

- **Roundabout:** The construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Barnes and the Edgartown – Vineyard Haven Roads (the Blinker) is scheduled to begin on March 1, 2013 and will be fully operational by Memorial Day 2013. Work will resume just after Labor 2013 to finish the aesthetic improvements and pavement markings. Project completion is scheduled the end of 2013. MVC staff has provided assistance to the design consultant and the Town.
- **Drawbridge:** The MVC facilitates the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee. The MVC organized meetings and prepared comments on landscape designs which allowed MassDOT to complete its plans in 2012. When permitting has been completed, it will advertise for construction.
- **Dukes County Avenue:** The MVC conducted extensive traffic counts and turning movement counts on eight different roads to gauge the traffic impacts to the Town's trial reconfiguration of making a portion of Dukes County Avenue one-way. MVC staff continues to work with the Roads and Byways Committee on the effects the change has on the surrounding neighborhoods.
- **Parking:** The MVC offered comments pertaining to the Town's investigation of metered parking and opportunities for parking areas at the perimeter of downtown.
- **Data Collection:** The MVC conducted traffic counts at 23 locations in Oak Bluffs.

Water Quality

- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP):** MVC staff continues to meet with Oak Bluffs officials to review the MEP Lagoon Pond study findings and discuss options. MVC staff is also meeting with the Friends of Farm

Pond on the Tidal Restoration Project to implement the MEP recommendations.

- **Watershed Land Use Analysis:** The MVC provided analysis to the Mass Estuaries Project aggregating the land uses on parcels within the Oak Bluffs Harbor watershed, summing the number of existing buildings and estimating the number of future buildings within the watershed.
- **Groundwater Data:** The MVC continues to monitor the water table elevation in one observation well in Oak Bluffs on a monthly basis.
- **Community Assistance:** The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active member of the Joint Sengekontacket Committee, the Lagoon Pond Committee, and the Friends of Sengekontacket.

DRI Review

- Of the ten projects located in Oak Bluffs that were referred to the Commission in 2012:
 - None were denied;
 - One was approved with conditions (MVTV New Building);
 - One was a minor modification of an existing DRI that remained back to the town without DRI review (MVTV New Building modification);
 - One (Edgartown National Bank relocation) was a project referred to the MVC for a concurrence review that was sent back to the town without DRI review;
 - Two were a previously approved DRI returning to LUPC for approval of aspects of their plans (Roundabout bus pullouts and landscaping);
 - One (Oyster Bar Building demolition and reconstruction) was withdrawn before any decision was made;
 - One (Lagoon Ridge Subdivision) is on hold at the applicant's request; and
 - One project (Nova Vida/Alliance Church Expansion) is still under review.
- The Commission also dealt with an easement that was required between two DRI's (World Revival Church and MVTV).

Staff Liaison

- Economic Development and Affordable Housing Planner Christine Flynn is the main staff liaison with the Oak Bluffs Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE
Commissioner elected at large
FRED HANCOCK, Vice-Chair
Commissioner appointed by the
Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen
MARK LONDON
Executive Director

VARIOUS REPORTS

DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority is publicly chartered and locally funded to assist the towns of Dukes County to increase community housing opportunities. The Housing Authority collaborates with town committees, island organizations, local businesses and concerned individuals to provide year-round rentals and rental assistance, homebuyer training and lottery support, waitlist management, monitoring assistance and advocacy for new housing options and support.

The Housing Authority currently manages 71 units of rental housing offered on 12 properties in 5 towns. Work continues on the addition of three new units at the Sepiessa Point property and efforts are underway on additional rental properties in Tisbury and West Tisbury. The Housing Authority continues administration of West Tisbury's 42 Accessory Apartments; maintains a Rental Housing Waitlist numbering 235 applicants; and partners with other organizations that offer assistance with rent, utilities and apartment rehabilitation to Island renters and their landlords.

The Housing Authority continues administration of the Rental Assistance program funded through the Town's Community Preservation Act (CPA) process. Rental Assistance from all 6 towns is utilized by an average of 80 working households island-wide who can pay at least half of a fair market rental. This assistance helps address the needs of households making less than half of the Island's median income which leaves significant unmet Island need at very low and fixed incomes. Any future funding is subject to each town's annual decision making process and the Housing Authority provides the usage, need and cost data necessary for thorough town deliberation of this important source of support.

The Housing Authority's support of affordable homeownership in 2011 included assistance with Edgartown's Home Buy-Down program; income and asset certification for a third Habitat owner at Bailey Park in

West Tisbury; acting as affordability monitor on three property refinances; preparation for serving as lottery agent for 2 home buying opportunities at Wentworth Way in Tisbury and 2 at 619 Edgartown Road in West Tisbury including assistance with lottery criteria, marketing, participant certification and Homebuyer Education; and facilitating 12 referrals through Edgartown's Demolition Delay by-law. We also maintain the Island Affordable Homebuyer Clearinghouse numbering 316 households to publicize homebuyer opportunities and the Martha's Vineyard Subsidized Housing Inventory to assist in assuring future protection of existing affordability restrictions.

The Housing Authority manages the Vineyard Housing Office on State Road in Vineyard Haven as a clearinghouse for rental and homeownership opportunities and a focus for islanders working together on housing issues. The VHO currently is home to the Housing Authority, the Island Housing Trust and Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard, all of which are currently working with the Martha's Vineyard Commission, town representatives and a housing consultant on a comprehensive Housing Needs survey that will help Island towns determine how best to provide the housing opportunities needed to preserve community life on Martha's Vineyard.

The DCRHA Board of Directors & Staff:

TODD CHRISTY; Chair, *Chilmark*
MARJORY DOLAN; Vice Chair, *At-Large*
ERNE MENDENHALL; *West Tisbury*
HARVEY BETH; *Oak Bluffs*
DAN SEIDMAN; *Tisbury*
MELISSA NORTON VINCENT; *Edgartown*
RICHARD SKIDMORE; *Aquinnah*
ANDRE MALLEGOL; *Governor's Appointee*

DAVID VIGNEAULT; *Executive Director*
TERRI KEECH; *Administrator*
BARBARA HOFFMAN; *Administrative Coordinator*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Dear Fellow Towns People,

The re-establishment of the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee and the "identification of need", in the town's recently published strategic plan were two significant ways the issue of Affordable Housing was targeted by our town over the past year. Island wide, the lack of affordable housing is now being addressed by the Martha's Vineyard Needs Assessment (MVHNA), a jointly sponsored Housing study funded by all six island towns and the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Collectively, these efforts highlight the attention being placed on the very important challenge of housing faced by so many within our community.

Under normal conditions, a healthy community's goal would be to provide at least ten percent (10%) of its housing inventory in an affordable range. In its first draft, the MVHNA study has exposed our inability as an island community to reach such an accomplishment with barely 5.2% of our year-round housing inventory falling within an affordable range.

The average weekly wage on Martha's Vineyard is 71% of the state average, yet the median home price is

54% above the state's, and the median rent exceeded the state's by 17%... these facts highlight the essence of the affordable housing problem we face here on Martha's Vineyard.

Armed with a completed MVHNA study, the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee looks forward to supporting its Board of Selectman as they lead our town through the process of executing the town's recently published strategic plan. As stewards of the housing movement, we, the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee, understand the importance of facilitating a process in which all voices can be heard and the collective priorities of our town are honored.

Simply stated, the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee's goal in the coming year is to assist the town's elected officials and professional staff answer the question "who is it we should serve and by what means"?

Respectfully submitted,

T. EWELL HOPKINS JR.

Chairperson

Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee

ISLAND HOUSING TRUST

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

As the Town of Oak Bluffs Board Member to the Island Housing Trust, my current term commence in December 2011 and concludes in March 2015. I thank the Selectmen for this appointment. The Island Housing Trust Board meets monthly on the second Saturday in the morning at 8:30 with an executive meeting followed by a regular board meeting at 9:30. The general public is welcomed to the regular board meeting.

Per the Island Housing Trust web site the Trust supports:

“a diverse and vital community on the island of Martha’s Vineyard by creating and sustaining permanently affordable homes. Over the past decade, we’ve been providing hope and opportunity to hundreds of island families seeking a dignified solution to their affordable housing needs. Together, we’re working towards a stronger, more resilient and sustainable future for our island community.”

Through a model that:

“creates and sustains permanent housing solutions that bridge the gap between the island’s high property values and families in need. We lower the initial cost of homeownership by eliminating the land cost and a portion of the construction costs through grants and donations. In exchange, our homeowners agree that, if they should sell their home, they sell it to another low or moderate-income family at an affordable price.”

Using smart local partnerships which:

“We develop ownership and rental housing cost effectively and efficiently. This strengthens the island economy by creating more local jobs. Successful projects that come in under budget and ahead of schedule serve as models of public/private partnership. These partnerships involve island towns, land conservation organizations, and other housing organizations located at the Vineyard Housing Office.”

The homes built are sustainable by:

“designing and building simple, durable, healthy, energy efficient homes that are affordable to purchase, own, and maintain for generations. Joint land purchases with the Land Bank have created clustered neighborhoods of affordable homes while permanently conserving surrounding open space. The neighborhood of eight LEED platinum certified homes at Eliakims Way in West Tisbury were designed and built to be “zero net energy” homes.

These green, affordable homes have the potential of using less energy than the homes actually produce from their roof mounted solar electric panels.”

The commitment stands as perpetual through:

“the Island Housing Trust nationally recognized ground lease model helps ensure homeowners’ success and their home’s permanent affordability through ongoing support and stewardship services for as long as they own it. This hands-on approach has helped safeguard against the threat of foreclosure and ensures that these homes on leased land remain affordable now and for future generations of island families.”

During calendar year 2012 Island Housing Trust completed the construction and sale of four townhouses at Wentworth Way in Vineyard Haven, leased land for the construction of a resident home-site in Aquinnah on Church Street and Habitat for Humanity of MV for a house on Bailey Park in West Tisbury.

As of 2013, Island Housing Trust is currently constructing four more homes, including two townhouses in Vineyard Haven and two single family houses in West Tisbury that will be sold in June 2013, and have leased another property in Aquinnah for a resident home-site property and a second Habitat for Humanity of MV at Bailey Park in West Tisbury. Additionally, Island Housing Trust has nearly 15 rental apartments in the pipeline, including the Island Grown Initiative’s farm worker housing on the former Thimble Farm and breaking ground this summer on three apartments at Sepiessa in West Tisbury.

Island Housing Trust currently stewards 50 homes throughout five island towns including four in Oak Bluffs, serving low and moderate income residents earning on average 80% of the area median income.

The Island Housing Trust Board consists of community members, homeowner/lessees and municipal appointees. Currently I am the only board member from Oak Bluffs and would welcome more Oak Bluffs residents to join the board as vacancies allow.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Philippe Jorde, the Executive Director of Island Housing Trust, should you have any further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE T. DOUBLEDAY
Municipal Appointee
To Island Housing Trust
From the Town of Oak Bluffs, MA

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Cemetery Commission is charged with ensuring the proper maintenance of Oak Grove Cemetery and making improvements as needed. In 2012 we made significant progress on several major projects.



At the April 2012 Town Meeting, the Cemetery Skilled Laborer position was reinstated into the Highway budget for FY 2013 and in November 2012, Scarlet Blair was hired by the Highway Department to fill this position. During the winter months she works 20 hours per week with the Highway Department. She will work 40 hours beginning April 1st in the Cemetery while still assisting the Highway Department. In addition to physical maintenance of the Cemetery she will be attending funerals as part of her job and will assist families and the funeral director as needed. The Commissioners also assist with these events when necessary.

The deteriorated 19th century Cemetery Register that had been kept at the Highway Department Building was restored in 2012 by Kofile Preservation, formerly Brown's River Bindery, Essex, VT. It is stored with other town records and reports in the Town Clerk's Office and may be requested for examination. During 2013 we hope to prepare an index to family names listed in this Register.

During the summer of 2012, the Cemetery Commission advertised for design services for the cemetery expansion. Two respondents were interviewed and the committee selected the

BSC Group of Boston to develop a plan for the area. We look forward to reviewing their proposal in 2013.

In 2012, four quarter-size lots were sold. There were three casket burials and five cremation burials. The sales produced \$2,400 for the Cemetery fund. National statistics reveal that cremation interments continue to rise and in the

near future will surpass full body burials as they did in Oak Bluffs in 2012. In addition there is increased interest in green burials and cemeteries nationally and Island-wide. These issues may impact planning for the new space in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Oak Grove Cemetery regulations may also be affected in the future.

There is a complete list of burials in Oak Grove Cemetery on the website CemeteryFind.com. This allows family members and researchers to independently find and confirm burials in the Cemetery. Look for the link on the Cemetery Page at the Town's website. If you have additional information to add to this database or discover errors, please contact Nicole Morey or Linda Wilson.

We would like to thank the Highway Department personnel for their hard work in keeping Oak Grove Cemetery maintained and Nicole Morey for her assistance with marking graves and attending funerals. We welcome your input and suggestions for the improvement of our Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE B LAW III, Chairman
LINDA WILSON
JOHN TIERNAN



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m., in the Town Hall meeting room (lower level).

This year the Board conveyed its best wishes to James Westervelt, who chose not to seek re-election to the Planning Board. We thank him for his time and service, knowing he is still actively involved (with his knowledge, experience and expertise) on other boards, committees and commissions in the Town of Oak Bluffs.

Many discussions were had this past year on the following topics:

- Solar Voltaic Arrays;
- Chapter 91, DEP Waterways;
- Martha's Vineyard Commission/DRI Checklist Review;
- Patrick King – Health Care District Issue;
- Dukes County Avenue (traffic, parking and safety);
- The Southern Woodlands (Kupersmith Project);
- Oak Bluffs Master Plan (1988) update/revision;
- Parking Mitigation Funds;
- Zoning By-Law, Section 8.3.4 (WCOD) Wireless Communication Overlay District;
- Zoning By-Law, XVIII DCPC Regulation, Section 9.1(A)(6) Coastal District (revision of the “shore zone” regulation);
- Conservation Commission Proposal/Sailing Camp Park (open space and recreation using CPA funds for public access);
- Accessory Use in a Recreational District (setback requirements);
- Act of 2012, Chapter 369 (effective January 01, 2013) The Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana;

- Spot Zoning.

A Public Hearing was held on the Patrick King/Health Care District review. The Board approved four (4) Form A, Site Plan Reviews; four (4) Property Line Adjustments/Change of Lot Lines; and, one (1) Chapter 91 Waterways Review; with two (2) Form A's still pending.

The Board continues to receive updates on the Lagoon Ridge (Affordable Housing) Project; the Muckerheide Project (Affordable Housing and “mixed use in a B1 District) and Edgartown National Bank (“change of use in a commercial zone”).

A presentation and discussion was had on the Transformation Grant proposal (Green Community Act); Complete Streets Proposal; Cape Light Compact and Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative energy projects.

As a result of discussions, two (2) Articles have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen for action/vote at the April 2013 Town Meeting as follows:

- Zoning By-Law, 9.1(A)(6) Coastal Districts (revision the “Shore Zone” regulation); and,
- Zoning By-Law, Act of 2012 Chapter 369 (effective January 1, 2013) Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BRADFORD, Chairman
KRIS CHVATAL
ROBERT FEHL
MARK WALLACE
ERIK ALBERT

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Oak Bluffs Historical Commission (OBHC) bid a fond farewell to Priscilla Sylvia in June, our secretary and a long time member. She will be sorely missed, but we are grateful that she continues to serve our town on the Land Bank and School Committee. We welcome Jim Dearing as our newest member.

As usual, the OBHC spent much of this year in trying to preserve Oak Bluffs' unique architectural gems, historic sites, and heritage for future generations to enjoy and appreciate. We continue working with the Building Department to review Demolition Delay applications and to determine the historic significance of buildings over a hundred years old. When an 100 year old building is deemed "significant" or "preferably preserved", demolition may be delayed for up to six months to allow time for preservation. We meet with owners and architects to discuss ways to preserve or replicate details that would maintain the architectural integrity of existing historic neighborhoods. We also work with the Campground Association or refer to the Martha's Vineyard Commission when appropriate. The OBHC is represented on the Cottage City Historic District Commission by Alison Shaw.

OBHC continues to work with the Oak Bluffs Parks Commission and other organizations to preserve and

rejuvenate our parks, unique open spaces, and shoreline. We offer our support for worthwhile Community Preservation projects and funding. Our brochure "Walking Tour of Oak Bluffs" is available at the Information Booth on Circuit Avenue and Town Hall.

We are also working with the Massachusetts Historical Association to update both their records and ours of the historic registers (data and photos) of buildings 100 years or more in Oak Bluffs. There was an extensive survey done for the Town's centennial and some recent updates done by Eleni Collins Roriz.

The OBHC's mission is to encourage preservation of Oak Bluffs historic buildings, open space, parks, and the charm of Oak Bluffs' heritage and character, as well as educate others on the need for preservation and an appreciation of what a remarkable place Oak Bluffs is.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA MELROSE, Chairman
JOYCE DRESSER, Secretary
SUSAN THOMPSON
ALISON SHAW
NICK CATT
JAMES DEARING
SUSAN GAMB

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL/ADHOC FISCAL GROUP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Residents of Oak Bluffs:

The Community Development Council (CDC) continued to devote its attention to matters of fiscal importance for the town through studies conducted by its Ad Hoc Fiscal Task Group. The task group conducted a program evaluation of the Highway Department. The Committee's report will be released in early 2013 at which time the Ad Hoc Task Group will disband, having completed major program reviews of the Town's largest programs (Police, Emergency Medical Service, and Highway) with the exception of the School.

Overall the study of the Highway Department shows that scope and responsibility of the program have grown substantially while appropriated funds have been reduced during the recent time of stress on municipal resources. As a result there are deficits in infrastructure maintenance that now need attention. The study also found that there would be a benefit to additional use of information technology and enhanced management practices in light of the substantial assets under the department's jurisdiction: town

roads, parks and buildings. The study also found that the Town should evaluate how to improve waste management and recycling to reduce the waste stream.

Respectfully submitted:

CDC members

TERRY APPENZELLAR, Chairman
JIM WESTERVELT, Secretary
NANCY PHILLIPS
PRISCILLA SYLVIA
IONA PRESSLEY

Adhoc Fiscal Group

TERRY APPENZELLAR, Chairman
JIM WESTERVELT, Secretary
PRISCILLA SYLVIA
FRED HANCOCK
BOB HUSS
STEVE AUERBACH,
Finance Committee
CHRISTINE FLYNN,
Martha's Vineyard Commission

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) raises funds from a three percent surcharge on real estate taxes matched by a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this year matched at 37%. Funds are expended in three categories: community housing, open space and recreation, and historical preservation. The role of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is to evaluate proposals for projects in these three areas, and to recommend to town meeting those projects which the committee considers to have the highest priority and which meet state guidelines for the program, while staying within the financial resources available.

In July, Governor Deval Patrick signed an amendment to the Community Preservation Act. The legislation allows CPA funds to be used for rehabilitation and restoration of recreational land, including town parks. The definition of "support" was clarified to confirm that funds may be used for rental assistance. Also, \$25,000,000 was added to the state CPA Trust Fund from the state budget surplus, to be distributed to the towns in 2013.

Oak Bluffs has had a number of projects brought to completion, among them: the community housing Library Conversion project, the restoration of East Chop Lighthouse and Ocean Park bandstand, Pay Beach bank and sea wall reconstruction, the Tabernacle cupola and clerestory restoration, preservation of Town Records and Oak Bluffs Antique Fire Truck Museum.

At the 2012 annual town meeting, voters approved funding for these projects:

- East Chop Bluff and Road Preservation, \$25,000
- Trinity Church stained glass window restoration, \$32,000

- Martha's Vineyard Museum Collection preservation, \$44,953
- Rental Assistance, Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, \$200,000

At the November, 2012 special town meeting, voters approved:

- Niantic Park Recreation Design, \$25,000

At the 2013 Annual Town Meeting, Oak Bluffs voters will be asked to consider proposals in each of the three categories of community housing, open space/recreation, and historical preservation. The CPC hopes to fund an open space and recreational inventory and needs assessment, to help with the update of our Community Preservation Plan. The Plan, which will incorporate priorities from the Selectmen's Strategic Plan, will be used to consider which future projects the CPC should fund.

"The mission of the Oak Bluffs CPC is to offer recommendations for the creation and preservation of open space, historical properties, and community housing, thus preserving our heritage, providing for our families, and protecting our future."

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN HUGHES, Chairman
JEVON REGO, Vice-Chairman
AMY BILLINGS
STEPHEN DURKEE
BO FEHL
CHARLES ROCK
ABE SEIMAN
ALISON SHAW
ADAM WILSON

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretative sciences for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all of the Island's residents. Our grants may be modest in size, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Once again, we appeal to Island educators to take advantage of the Field Trip Grants, formerly known as PASS Grants. In 2012, only a single teacher (from the Edgartown School) applied, for two trips with her fourth grade class and for a trip for her daughter's fifth grade class in Oak Bluffs. *All three trips were 100 percent funded, including bus transportation.* Take note that in October 2013, we will be accepting grant applications for trips scheduled between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014. Please e-mail the Council Administrator at piapkov@yahoo.com for more details.

Each year, the Council meets on the first Sunday of November to vote on the distribution of grants for the current fiscal cycle. Grant applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth and work on projects in the arts, humanities, or interpretative sciences. Those interested can find instructions, program guidelines, and forms at www.mass-council.org, as well as at each town hall and public library. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In September 2012, the Commonwealth assigned the MVCC \$23,220 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted to donate \$1,000, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$1,500, and \$1,500, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$37,509.

In 2012, the MVCC received 34 applications requesting a total of \$70,546.00. Three of those were immediately disqualified because they had not met the postmark deadline of October 15. Of the 31 applications reviewed at the annual meeting, the Council disapproved three that had come from off-Island applicants who lacked local sponsors.

In an unusual development, three of the Local Cultural Council Grant Applicants—IMP for Kids, the Martha's Vineyard Museum, and the West Tisbury Free Public Library—received awards in amounts greater than they had requested. As a rule, the amount of each award depends on how well, in the minds of the members, the applicant meets the MVCC's and Massachusetts Cultural Council's criteria.

The awards granted by the MV Cultural Council in their November 4, 2012 Annual Grant Meeting are listed below.

Visual Art

Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust,
Old Whaling Church Mural Project \$ 1,719

MV Art Association, Meeting Mentors:
Professional Development Workshop \$ 1,266

Music

Tashmoo Memorial Day Picnic Committee,
Folk Music for Memorial Day Picnic \$ 459

Dan Waters,
Jemima James + Dan Waters CD Recording \$ 1,487

History

Martha's Vineyard Museum,
Hands-on History: Block and Tackle \$ 1,141

Theater

John Crehan, Arts and Society, *Bloomsday* \$ 880

IMP for Kids, *Story Theater for 3rd Graders* \$ 1,506

MV Playhouse, *New Office Technology and Equipment (Capital Expenditure)* \$ 2,350

Richard Clark, "*Ernest Hemingway Alive*"
(*Oak Bluffs Council on Aging*) \$ 456

Richard Clark, "*A Time to Laugh, A Time To Weep*" (*Up-Island Council on Aging*) \$ 459

Video/Film

Elizabeth M. Witham, *DocuTunes TV Episode: Local Musician Profile* \$ 1,313

Ken Wentworth, "*Sustainable Vineyard*"
Documentary Episode \$ 1,447

Martha's Vineyard Film Festival,
Educational Programs for Children \$ 2,503

Martha's Vineyard Film Festival,
Construction and Integration of New Website \$ 1,320

Thomas Bena, "*One Big Home*" *Film* \$ 986

Interpretative Sciences

James Daniel Martino, *Videos of Nature Talks* \$ 831

Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary,
Renovation of Facilities \$ 725

Festivals

Aquinnah Cultural Center, *7th Annual Native American Artisans Festival* \$ 2,758

West Tisbury Free Public Library, *World of the Troubadours and Trobairitz* \$ 1,570

Cultural Tourism

Cape and Island Community Development, Inc., *Martha's Vineyard Arts Trail Mobile App* \$ 232

Education

Adult and Community Education of MV, *Arts and Culture Appreciation Courses* \$ 2,295

Elaine Cawley Weintraub, *One World: Islands of Tolerance* \$ 1,925

Literature/Memoir

Susan Klein, *Spice of Life: Memoir Organization and Writing* \$ 1,853

Poetry

Martha's Vineyard Poetry Society, *A Gathering of Island Poets* \$ 1,030

Dance

Laura Sargent Hall + Abby Bender for *Built on Stilts, Built on Stilts Festival 2013* \$ 2,736

Field Trips

Oak Bluffs Elementary School Fifth Grade, *New Bedford Whaling Museum* \$ 910

The Edgartown School Fourth Grade, *Boston Museum of Science* \$ 707

The Edgartown School Fourth Grade, *The Roger Williams Zoo* \$ 645

As always, we wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant, Bruce Stone, and Town Treasurer, Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. We are grateful as well to Director Joyce Bowker and the Up-Island Council on Aging for allowing us to use the Howes House as our meeting place.

Many thanks are also due to three former Council members who are still good friends to this Board. Three cheers for former Chair and Edgartown member Nis

Kildegard, who once again produced his marvelous MVCC voting spreadsheet, which makes the process a whole lot simpler! Ex-officio member Wiet Bacheller of Tisbury, a real trouper, filled in last winter when our Treasurer was abroad. And where would we be without ex-officio member Chris Dreyer of Chilmark, on whom we depend to set up meetings and assure quorums?

Lastly, April 2012 brought the retirement from the Board of the magnificent Francine Kelly, former director of the Featherstone Center for the Arts, who had served on the MVCC Board for more than 10 years. Truth be told, our annual meeting can at times be a bit noisy. But Francine, ever the lady, would sit in her place, sphinx-like, hands folded before her, waiting for the talk to abate. Then she would draw a deep breath and deliver some pronouncement so startlingly spot-on, there was nothing more to say and it was time to move on to the next application. She will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

PIA WEBSTER, Administrator

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council 2012 Membership

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NANCY BENOIT	HOLLY ALAIMO
JOAN LE LACHEUR	FRANCINE KELLY
MOLLY PURVES, Chair	(Retired)
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Chilmark	Tisbury
JEN CHRISTY	JEAN HAY
NAN DOTY, Sec.	BASIA JAWORSKA
DEBORAH	SILVA
SILLIMANWASS	PHYLLIS VECCHIA
Edgartown	West Tisbury
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WILLIAM G. VENO	PAUL LEVINE
Ex-Officio	
WIET BACHELLER	DAN WATERS
CHRIS DREYER	(emeritus)
NIS KILDEGAARD	PIA WEBSTER

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report on Activities

For the past 2 1/2 years the cable committee has been involved in a complicated and time consuming negotiation with the current provider Comcast, concerning a 10 year license renewal of their franchise agreement. The prior 10 year agreement expired on July 1st 2011. Comcast is the only hardwire/landline provider of all forms of communication and entertainment services (cable tv, phone and internet) to the island and the only one franchised to do so by the island's six towns.

It is anticipated that a new and improved agreement will be completed over the next 30 days. Draft final agreements are in hand and being reviewed for not only the franchise renewal, but for the renewal of a 10 year agreement with Martha's Vineyard Community Television Corporation, Inc.(MVTV), the previously designated provider of the three(3) government mandated PEG (Public, Educational and Government) channels on the island.

The new terms of the franchise renewal agreement with Comcast have been improved in almost all aspects, are no less than what was provided under the prior agreement, and are some of the best provided by any franchisee.

The funding to the town (franchise fees) will continue to be at one of the highest rates nationally, at \$.50 per subscriber with a cap at 5% of gross revenues payable annually. Two of the last remaining roads to be serviced in the town, Little Rock Way and Great Rock Road will be cabled. Free service to primary town buildings ie. schools, town hall, library, etc. will be continued and several non-municipal facilities are anticipated to be added for two capability- the Sailing Camp, Ice Arena and YMCA. Significant initial capital funding for new equipment for MVTV has been provided for, as well as a new senior citizen discount, a dedicated emergency alert system capability for just the island's six towns, a new build out formula for unserved areas, a conditional 4th PEG channel, the continuation of a local office and service support, are the majority of additional key terms negotiated for under the renewal.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS BEST

Appointed Representative

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

"I believe saving energy is a win-win. We are helping to reduce our carbon footprint, while also leaving more money in our pockets, both personally and as tax payers. The CLC provides guidance and incentives to help us achieve these savings. With an average \$3 return for every \$1 invested in energy savings this has to be one of the best returns out there for our hard earned dollars. Helping to guide the CLC as Oak Bluffs Representative has been educational and challenging. Please give them a call for your energy savings needs." – Richard Toole

Jan – Dec. 2012	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	212	\$ 5,304.40	26,522	\$ 44,034.37
Residential	126	\$24,767.20	123,836	\$138,422.37
Commercial	24	\$44,243.80	221,219	\$115,081.52
Total	172	\$74,315.40	371,577	\$297,538.26

Cape Light Compact is an intergovernmental organization consisting of the 21 towns and 2 counties on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact's mission is to serve our 200,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, competitive electricity supply and green power options.

POWER SUPPLY

Natural gas prices continue to be the primary driver of electricity prices in New England since natural gas generation sets the price for most hours of the year in New England. There are two primary inputs to natural gas prices: the fuel itself and the cost to deliver it into New England (or basis). Natural gas futures are traded on various financial markets, and the major price index people

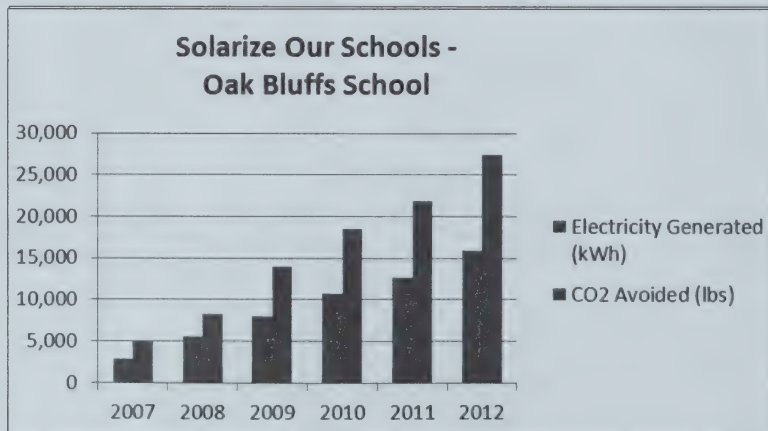
use is an index called Henry Hub, which is a delivery point near the Gulf of Mexico.

During the first half of 2012, natural gas future prices on Henry Hub remained low and relatively stable due to an abundant supply of the fuel, though they began increasing somewhat after hitting lows in March and April. Natural gas future prices increased modestly in the second half of 2012, but continued strong supply has helped cap prices from increasing significantly at Henry Hub. More significantly, the cost to deliver natural gas to New England has risen significantly since the beginning of the year, primarily for the winter months, when there are constraints

on the amount of natural gas that can be imported into the region. This second cost component of natural gas is putting upward pressure on electricity pricing in the short term, however pricing still remains at attractive levels.

We expect pricing for the first half of 2013 to increase from their current levels in the high six-cent range to levels in the high seven-cent range.

In 2012, Cape Light Compact provided energy to residents and businesses in accordance with a competitive electricity supply contract negotiated by the Compact with ConEdison Solutions. As of December 2012, the Compact had 3442 electric accounts in the Town of Oak Bluffs on its energy supply.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from a monthly customer “energy conservation” charge (\$0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) that appears on each customer’s electric bill.

Other Cape Light Compact Efforts Include:

- 1 ENERGY STAR® qualified homes were built in the Town of Oak Bluffs.
- The Cape Light Compact continues to support energy education to Oak Bluffs School through our

education partnership with the National Energy Education Development program (NEED), teacher workshops, and curriculum and science-based energy education materials aligned with the national and state science education standards.

- The graph below depicts the lifetime generation of electricity and avoided CO2 at the Oak Bluffs School since its installation in 2006, as part of the Solarize Our Schools program.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD TOOLE
Oak Bluffs Representative

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY



**As prepared for the
Town of Oak Bluffs**

Advisory Board

Alice Butler, Chairman/Oak Bluffs

John Alley, West Tisbury

Leonard Jason, Chilmark

June Manning, Aquinnah

Connie Teixeira, Tisbury

Louis Paciello, Edgartown

Marybeth Grady (Non-Voting), Disabled Commuters Representative

Greetings from the Administrator:

Fiscal Year 2012 showed increased ridership for both the in-season and off-season, and an increased use of multi-day travel passes and Annual passes.

Fiscal Year 2012 brought an overall increase of 7% in passenger boardings over FY 2011. Passenger boarding analysis shows a 11% increase in the FY 2012 off-season ridership from FY 2011. Fiscal Year 2012 showed a decrease in medical, nutritional and social/recreational service trips on "The Lift" resulting in a 6% decrease from FY 2011.

In April 2012, the VTA took over the management of the Edgartown Visitors Center (EVC). The EVC houses the public restrooms in Edgartown and is the main bus hub for the VTA. It is a vital link to the Island wide transit system.

The VTA is appreciative of how the Island community has embraced the public transit system and continues to

show their support. As the number of youth and elderly residents without access to private vehicles continues to grow, the VTA works hard to accommodate their transit dependent needs. The public transit system helps to balance the conservation of resources with meeting the needs of the traveling public.

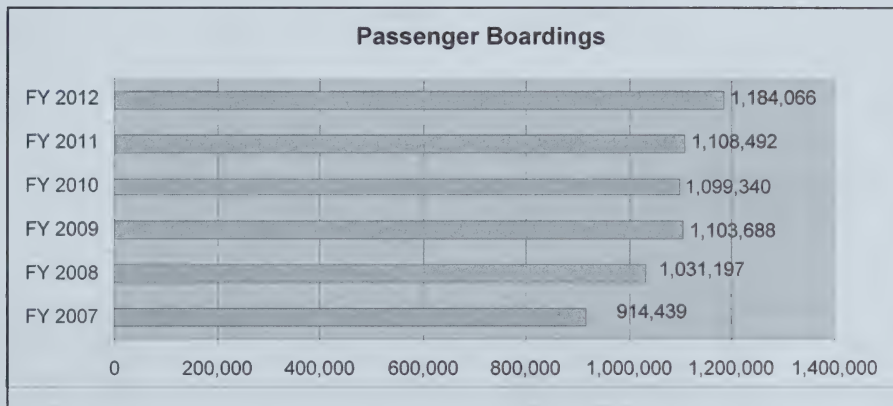
As always, I would like to extend my gratitude to our operating company, Transit Connection, Inc., and their staff for their continued devotion as we go into our eleventh year of operation together. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of the town and local boards for their cooperation and support, as well as my staff for their commitment to providing quality public service. Last, but not least, thanks to the community and our passengers for their continued support of the VTA.

Truly,

ANGELA E. GRANT
Administrator

Passenger Boardings by Fiscal Year

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY2011	FY2012
July	218,789	228,006	261,735	245,214	269,237	290,248
August	235,105	254,856	286,044	265,384	265,686	268,749
September	8,051	118,503	107,316	131,257	118,462	133,887
October	51,790	62,250	69,594	60,675	63,907	67,217
November	20,081	24,920	29,142	28,092	29,096	29,635
December	16,424	18,739	23,381	22,859	23,309	24,760
January	14,605	18,827	20,659	20,364	21,060	22,839
February	12,987	18,980	20,720	20,040	19,673	22,456
March	118,050	23,792	25,737	26,987	25,694	28,798
April	25,265	34,355	38,125	39,630	35,092	42,834
May	69,461	78,874	84,607	91,324	88,395	90,976
June	133,831	149,095	136,628	147,514	148,881	161,667
Total	914,439	1,031,197	1,103,688	1,099,340	1,108,492	1,184,066



“The Lift”

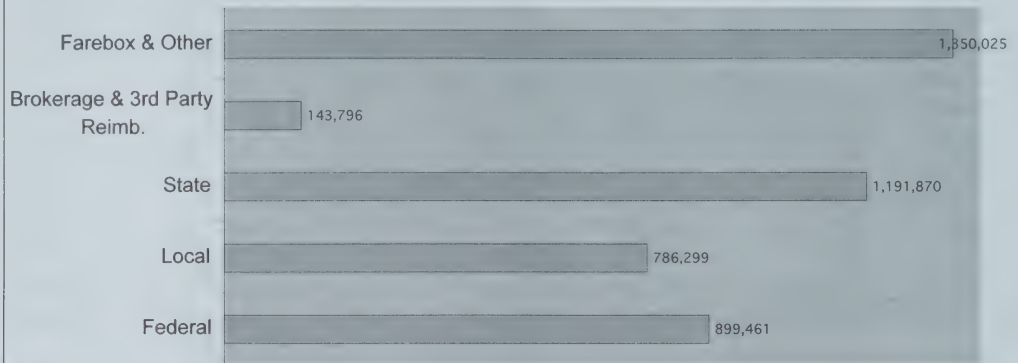
The Martha’s Vineyard Regional Transit Authority provides year-round paratransit service to the Island’s six (6) towns. The VTA also provides weekly van service to

Boston area medical facilities. The following is a breakdown of Lift trips by purpose:

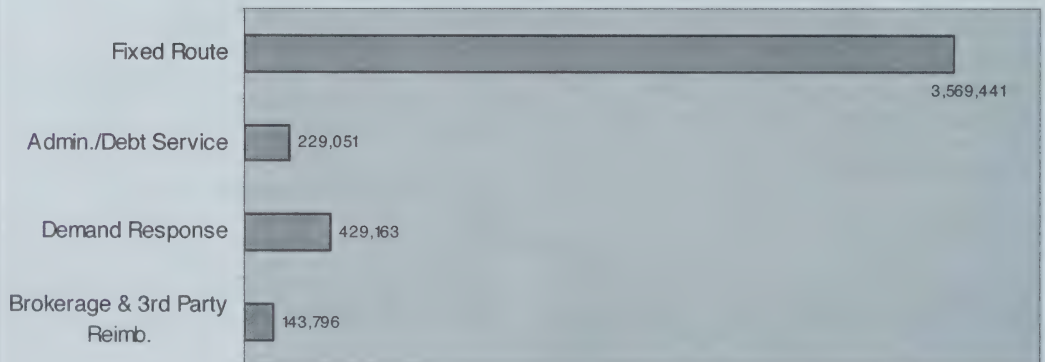
Trip Purpose	Trips
Medical	3,303
Nutrition	666
Social / Recreational	4,913
Shopping/Other	5,785
Total Trips	14,681

Fiscal Year 2012 Audit Report

REVENUE



EXPENSES



SENGEKONTACKET COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

In 2012 Sengekontacket Pond was finally opened for summer shellfishing!

The pond had been closed since 2007 by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries due to high levels of bacteria. The Joint Oak Bluffs/Edgartown Sengekontacket Pond Committee was formed by the two Town's Boards of Selectmen in 2007 to address water quality in the pond, specifically bacteria and nitrogen. The bacterial pollutants come largely from waterfowl and stormwater run-off. The major cause of nitrogen pollution is our septic systems; other causes are fertilizer, road run-off, and acid rain.

A major goal of the committee was to evaluate the results of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP) report on the pond and make recommendations on how to reduce the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of nitrogen in the water. The MEP results are in and the allowable daily load is already exceeded. Once the report is reviewed by MA DEP and US EPA the Towns will be legally bound to reduce the TMDL under the Federal Clean Water Act. To do so will cost money, the amount dependent on the types of solutions, but it must be done.

There are several options for reducing the nitrogen level. A larger culvert at Trapp's Pond would increase tidal flow and reduce nitrogen in the smaller pond. Some sewerage of the Major's Cove area is likely. The Town's Shellfish Departments are looking to grow up to a million oysters in Major's Cove because oysters filter nitrogen out of the water. This will have the added benefit of creating a small recreational oyster fishery in Major's Cove.

Representing the Friends of Sengekontacket (FOS) and the Joint Committee, Terry Appenzellar gave presentations to both Boards of Selectmen in 2012. She provided a summary of the MEP results as well as recommendations for action. A key point is that nitrogen does not recognize town boundaries and thus the Towns must work collaboratively.

Key MEP findings:

- The pond already exceeds (without further buildout) an acceptable level of nitrogen (~.35 mg per liter per day = TMDL)
- Major's Cove and Trapp's Pond significantly exceed the limit
- Farm Neck and Ocean Heights are periodically above the limit

MEP suggestions for pond restoration include:

- Remove 60% of septic waste water in the Major's Cove watershed
- Remove 100% of septic water in the Trapp's Pond watershed

- Reduce fertilizer in the Farm Neck watershed
- Filter wastewater in the Farm Neck and Ocean Heights watersheds

Based on the MEP findings the Joint Committee and FOS recommended that the Boards of Selectmen:

- Adopt the findings of the MEP
- Adopt bylaws or a District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC) designating the pond a cherished natural resource
- Adopt a joint DCPC to achieve TMDL
- Coordinate sewerage resources and alternatives for Major's Cove and Trapp's Pond
- Amend zoning bylaws to limit additional bedroom capacity as a result of sewerage
- Collaborate across Towns with planning, health, wastewater, shellfish and conservation departments to maintain water quality
- Fund necessary remediation, restoration, maintenance and public awareness
- Pursue funding for enhanced nitrogen removal in sensitive watersheds
- Adopt a septic system bylaw (such as that in Tisbury) that requires inventory and testing of all septic systems with requirements for corrective action.
- Test residential drinking water wells and use results to identify 'paths' of excess nitrogen

Additional recommendations for Oak Bluffs:

- Investigate whether nitrogen filtering from Wiggy's (Fresh) Pond can be improved (it is a filter for Sengekontacket Pond)
- Investigate and require corrective measures for the use of excess fertilizer, mowing, and overwatering at golf clubs in the watershed

And Edgartown:

- Work with Mass DOT to fund an enlarged culvert at Trapp's Pond
- Explore private sewerage in the Cow Bay and Oak Dale watersheds

In 2013 the Joint Committee will formalize its nitrogen reduction recommendations to the Boards of Selectmen.

Thank you to Terry Appenzellar and FOS for collaborating with the Joint Committee, sharing resources, and providing needed funding for water quality improvement projects.

Here's what each of us can do to improve water quality in our Island ponds:

- Don't use chemical fertilizers
- Reduce lawn size
- Use drought & disease-tolerant grass seed

- Plant native species that require less water & maintenance
- Pave less
- Have your septic system pumped regularly
- Don't feed waterfowl
- Pick up after your pets
- Use gutters or drip strips to control run-off
- Join your local pond association

Respectfully submitted,

DUNCAN ROSS, Chairman
 LIZ DURKEE, Vice Chairman
 PAUL BAGNALL
 SUZAN BELLINCAMPI
 SHERI CASEAU
 DAVE GRUNDEN
 RICK KARNEY
 JAN RYAN



Senge looking north to Oak Bluffs

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The following report is for Calendar Year 2012:

The Information Technology Department continues to provide the support and resources to modernize and upgrade the technological systems of the Town of Oak Bluffs. Technology has allowed the Town to do more with less. Through leasing and other cost cutting methods this department has been able to continue to update the computers, copiers, and software without any cost increases to the taxpayer.

Along with the technological upgrades the Town has continued the push to provide a more up-to-date and relevant website. More information and easier access to information empowers the citizenry. The Information Technology Department continues to push for more available information and welcomes any comments or recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

TRAVIS LARSEN
IT Director

VETERANS SERVICES

Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

In FY12, The Veterans Services Department assisted 87 cases, including financial and medical assistance. The total amount expended was \$50,160.18. We can expect 75% of this money to be reimbursed next year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year \$41,074.92 was reimbursed for last years services to veterans and their dependents under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, as amended.

We lost 14 veterans this past fiscal year, 2 were buried in Oak Bluffs. All were buried with Military Honors and with a representative from the Veterans Service Office and the Veterans of Martha's Vineyard present. All veteran's graves were decorated with flags per MGL 108 CMR 13:03. Thank you to Oak Bluffs Graves Officer Alan "Buddy" deBettencourt for his assistance.

Veterans participated in 4 parades this past fiscal year: Memorial Day in Tisbury, Fourth of July in Edgartown and Holy Ghost Society and Veterans Day Parades in Oak Bluffs.

The M.V. Sharks kicked off their opening weekend with the U. S. Military All-Stars baseball team, as part of its 2012 Red, White and Blue Tour. An Honor Guard made up of island veterans presented the colors for the National Anthem.

This year a contract was signed by the Veterans Administration with M.V. Hospital to see island veterans for primary care.

I continue to write every month on veterans benefits for the 55 Plus Times, go to all veterans organizational meetings, and go to training with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services. I am still sending care packages to island soldiers with the help and generosity of the people of Martha's Vineyard. Thank you to everyone who donated to our troops.

Respectfully submitted,

JO ANN MURPHY, Director
Dukes County Veterans Services

Town of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts

The Strategic Plan of the Board of Selectmen

Fiscal Year 2013

August 16, 2012

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TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS



STRATEGIC PLAN

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June 6, 2012



Town of Oak Bluffs

Vision Statement

Our Town will continue to be one where history, hospitality and natural beauty come together to form a diverse community that is proud of its past and excited about its future.

Our Town will strive to be a unique and premier destination resort, while maintaining a small town, community atmosphere, that will meet the needs of its citizens through the efforts of its local government and civic-minded volunteers, while being friendly and cooperative with our neighboring towns.

Our Town will be governed by people who recognize that their role is to serve the people, who are respectful of all citizens and points of view, that integrity of its government's reputation is paramount, and one that is committed to a culture of excellence.



















Our Town will foster a sense of pride by placing a high priority on quality education, conservation of natural resources, neighborhood parks, arts and culture and its library system, and one that values and promotes a clean and beautiful Town.













Our Town shall strive to ensure a sense of security by providing excellent public safety and public works, strong financial health, well-maintained assets, a well-managed town government with long-range planning, and one that encourages a healthy and sustainable business community.

Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan

*Develop Improve and Protect our Natural Resources**Projects*

Develop Harbor Fueling Facility	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Restore and Repair Bank Along East Chop	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Develop a Beach Management Plan Include: Facilities Improvements, Services, Beach Nourishment, Encouraging Carry-in/Carry-out, Purchase of a Beach Rake	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Study Nitrogen Loading in the Lagoon, Sengenkontacket Pond, Farm Pond and Sunset Lake Watersheds and Develop a Plan to expand Wastewater System to Maintain Water Quality	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Renovate Waterfront Sidewalks and Railings	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Move Forward with Construction of Fish Pier Project with State Funding	<i>Priority Level 3</i>
Promote the Appreciation of Natural Resources	<i>Priority Level 3</i>
Explore Green Community Status	<i>Priority Level 3</i>
Support Increased Aquaculture	<i>Priority Level 3</i>

Action Step	Develop Harbor Fueling Facility					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Identify/Appropriate Funding Source For Design						Town Administrator, Harbormaster and Harbor Commission Work Team
Issue RFP for Design Services						Work Team
Select Design Firm						Work Team
Complete Design						Work Team
Identify And Apply for All Necessary Permits						Work Team
Seek Installation Funding at Town Meeting						Board of Selectmen Work Team
Prepare and Issue Bid Documents for Installation						Work Team
Select Installation Firm and Issue Contract						Board of Selectmen Work Team
Complete Installation including modifications to Dock						Selected Contractor
Issue RFP and Select Fuel Provider						Work Team
Complete all Inspections and Signoffs						Designer Work Team
Provide Signage						Work Team
Develop Operating Policies and Procedures						Work Team
Train Employees						Harbormaster
Open and Operate Facility						Harbormaster
Identify and Conduct Regular Maintenance and Inspections						Harbormaster

Action Step	Restore and Repair Bank Along East Chop			Responsible
	2013	2014	2015	
Select Engineering firm for restoration/repair design				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Complete Preliminary Design with detailed cost estimates				Engineer/Designer
Identify all necessary permits				Town Administrator Designer Conservation Agent
Apply for and obtain all necessary permits				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Designer
Resolve ownership questions dealing with eligibility for public funding sources				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Identify appropriate funding sources and apply for federal/state funding				Town Administrator Emergency Management Board of Selectmen
Complete final design and secure all funding sources				Town Administrator Designer Emergency Management
Issue RFP for construction				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Complete restoration construction				Selected Construction Bidder
Complete any necessary Inspections				Highway Superintendent
Develop policies and procedures to protect the bluff				Board of Selectmen Town Administrator
Identify regular maintenance and insp.				Highway Superintendent Highway Superintendent Designer

Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan

*Affordable Housing**Projects*

Promote the Development of Rental Units *Priority Level 1*










Explore the Use of the "Donut Hole" Property
-Resolve Tax and Title Issues *Priority Level 1*

Encourage the Use of Existing Housing Stock
For the Development of Affordable Housing Units *Priority Level 1*

Make Greater Use of the Affordable Housing
Trust to Support the Development of Affordable
Housing Units *Priority Level 2*

Conduct Workshops Between the Selectmen
And the Affordable Housing Committee *Priority Level 2*

Inventory Resident Homesite Properties
and Develop a Plan for these Properties *Priority Level 2*

Action Step	Affordable Housing		Responsible
	2013	2014	
Task the Affordable Housing Committee with developing action steps for priority 1 projects		2015	Board of Selectmen
Contact Massachusetts Housing Partnership for technical assistance in developing action steps			Town Administrator
Meet with Affordable housing committee to review and analyze ideas			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Involve Housing Rehab Program to help leverage funds and increase local capacity for managing projects			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Affordable Housing Committee
Involve the Martha's Vineyard Commission in the planning process			Affordable Housing Committee
Develop projects and budget for initiatives			Affordable Housing Committee
Seek Community Preservation funding to implement strategies			Affordable Housing Committee
Continue to leverage all funding sources to create permanent local government capacity to manage housing initiatives			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Affordable Housing Committee
Evaluate and adjust			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Affordable Housing Committee

Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan

Improve Communications with Local Residents

Projects

Pursue Outreach to the Community and Specific Neighborhoods to Share Information and to Encourage Resident Input

Priority Level 1

Website Development and Update for Greater Utility in Sharing Information

Priority Level 1

Explore the Development of a Town Newsletter or Regular Newspaper Column to Update Local Residents

Priority Level 1

Develop a Program to Communicate The Strategic Plan to Local Residents









Priority Level 2

Educate Residents on the Sources and Uses of Funds in the Town Budget

Priority Level 2

Encourage Presentations at Selectmen's Meetings and Town Meetings to Share Information with the Public

Priority Level 2

Action Step	Pursue Outreach to the Community and Specific Neighborhoods to Share Information and Encourage Input		Responsible
	2013	2014	
Brainstorm ideas to pursue outreach, share information and solicit input			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Solicit Ideas from the Community for same			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Analyze ideas			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Plan and schedule implementation of ideas			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Develop and document any necessary policies and procedures			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Implement ideas and strategies			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Introduce new ideas and market them to the community			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Evaluate and make adjustments			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen

Action Step	Explore Development of Town Newsletter and/or Column		Responsible
	2013	2014	
Brainstorm possible ideas for newspaper or newsletter column			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Solicit Ideas from the Community, employees, committee and board members			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Analyze ideas			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Design and implement newsletter/column			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Volunteers
Design and implement process for ongoing newsletter/column			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Volunteers
Introduce and market newsletter/column			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Volunteers
Schedule future newsletters or columns			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Volunteers
Develop and document any necessary policies and procedures to support the project			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Evaluate and make adjustments			Town Administrator Board of Selectmen

Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan

Cultural Development

Projects

Support and Encourage Town Events






Priority Level 1

Promote and Support Culture in our
Community

Priority Level 1

Identify Items of Historic and Cultural
Significance and Take Steps to Preserve










Priority Level 1








Action Step	Identify Items of Historic and Cultural Significance and Take Steps to Preserve Them			Responsible
	2013	2014	2015	
Identify and locate existing inventories				Board of Selectmen
Identify additional items of historic or cultural significance				Board of Selectmen
Solicit Input from relevant Boards, agencies and citizens				Board of Selectmen
Identify existing steps and procedures to preserve cultural significance				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Historic District Commission
Discuss additional steps to preserve				Board of Selectmen Historic District Commission
Design and implement preservation steps				Board of Selectmen Historic District Commission
Develop any necessary policies and procedures to support the project				Board of Selectmen Historic District Commission
Introduce to the community				Board of Selectmen Historic District Commission
Evaluate and adjust				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Historic District Commission





Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan








*Stabilize and Improve our Financial Condition**Projects*

Add to the Stabilization Fund	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Analyze Areas of the Budget Where The Town may Reduce Costs	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Create Free Cash Reserves	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Develop Written Financial Policies and Procedures	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Foster a Greater Awareness of the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Unfunded Liability	<i>Priority Level 2</i>

Action Step	Add to the Stabilization Fund and Increase Free Cash					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Establish goals for the Stabilization Fund and for Free Cash						Board of Selectmen Finance Committee
Gather Five-year Historical Data on Revenues and Expenditures						Town Administrator
Prepare Spreadsheets tracking estimated vs actual revenue and expenditures to evaluate trends and highlight problems						Town Administrator
Adopt conservative budget techniques to lower revenues to collectable amounts and lower appropriations to match realistic revenues						Town Administrator Finance Committee Board of Selectmen
Track Revenue and Expenditure performance and make adjustments where necessary to avoid any deficits						Town Accountant Town Administrator
Analyze all special projects to isolate and retire any deficits						Department Heads Town Administrator
Eliminate deficits in Free Cash and work toward building a positive balance						Town Administrator Finance Committee Board of Selectmen
Limit expenditures from Free Cash and Stabilization						Town Meeting
Appropriate from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund						Finance Committee Town Meeting

Action Step	Analyze Areas of the Budget Where the Town May Reduce Costs					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Task Departments to Identify Areas for Cost Savings						Board of Selectmen Town Administrator
Establish Clear Guidelines to Departments for Budget Development						Town Administrator
Conduct Detailed Budget Meetings with Each Town department						Town Administrator
Review Budgets on a zero budget basis and not on an incremental cost basis to evaluate all costs						Town Administrator Finance Committee Board of Selectmen
Evaluate the Impact on Services of Targeted Expense Reductions						Town Administrator
Maintain a high level of Communication throughout the budget process between Departments, Finance Committee and Selectmen						Department Heads Town Administrator Selectmen Finance Committee
Recommend Budget Reductions that do not reduce desired service levels						Town Administrator Finance Committee Board of Selectmen Town Meeting

Action Step	Develop Written Financial Policies					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Research Best Management Practices of local governments for Financial Management						Town Accountant
Gather Examples of Financial Policies and Procedures from other communities						Town Accountant
Analyze Oak Bluffs audits and management letters to highlight specific areas of concerns						Town Accountant
Draft Proposed Financial Policies which tailor best practices to meet specific local needs						Town Accountant
Review draft policies with Town Administrator, Selectmen, Auditors and Finance Committee						Town Accountant Town Administrator Selectmen Auditors Finance Committee
Adopt Financial Policies and Procedures						Selectmen Finance Committee
Prepare a Financial Policy Manual						Town Accountant
Communicate Financial Policies and Procedures to All Departments and conduct training						Town Accountant Town Administrator
Track Implementation of Policies and Procedures and make adjustments where necessary						Town Accountant

Action Step	Foster a Greater Awareness of the OPEB Unfunded Liability					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Prepare an Actuarial Analysis of the total OPEB Unfunded Liability (Regional Study)						Town Treasurer
Submit the Actuarial Report to the Town Auditor to prepare financial statement of the unfunded liability						Town Accountant
Place Discussion on the Selectmen's Agenda to publicly review and discuss the liability						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Request the Finance Committee to study the liability and to suggest potential mitigation strategies						Board of Selectmen Finance Committee
Conduct a televised joint session of the Selectmen and Finance Committee to discuss Finance Committee recommendations						Town Administrator Selectmen Finance Committee
Speak about the OPEB liability in financial presentations to the public, including at Town Meeting						Town Administrator Selectmen Finance Committee
Meet with Employee groups to present information and discuss issues related to the OPEB liability						Town Administrator

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*Organizational Improvements**Projects*

Train and Cross-Train Employees;
Train Employees in Conflict Resolution and
Customer Service; Support Professional
Development for Department Heads *Priority Level 1*

Increase our Local Capacity for Planning and
Code Enforcement; Increase Staffing Support
For Historic District, ZBA, Planning, Building
Department and Board of Health *Priority Level 1*

Organize Periodic and Regular Meetings
with Department Heads *Priority Level 2*

Review the Organizational Chart for
Consolidation to Improve Efficiency and
Enhance Accountability for Departments,
Boards and Committees *Priority Level 2*

Encourage Community Policing *Priority Level 2*

Update and Evenly Enforce all Licensing
and Permitting; Computerize all Fees and Fines *Priority Level 3*

Examine the Structure of the Finance Committee *Priority Level 3*

Continue to Improve Communications and
the Relationship with the School Committee *Priority Level 3*


Prepare Succession Planning for Key Positions







Priority Level 3










Work with the Parks Commission to Help
Restore and Expand Recreation Programs
Including Lifeguards at the Town Beaches







Priority Level 3

Action Step	Employee Training					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Research Training Opportunities for Customer Service and Conflict Resolution	↑					Town Administrator
Review Community Oriented Governance (COG) Philosophy	↑					Town Administrator
Meet with Police Chief to Explore COG and Community Policing	↑					Town Administrator Chief of Police
Outreach professional COG trainer to review philosophy and training	↑					Town Administrator Chief of Police
Develop training initiative to focus on Customer Service and Conflict Resolution		↑				Town Administrator Chief of Police Training Consultant
Coordinate with Chief of Police to launch comprehensive training initiative		↑				Town Administrator Chief of Police
Plan dates and budget for training		↑				Town Administrator
Communicate with Department Heads on schedule and content of training program		↑				Town Administrator
Brief the Board of Selectmen regarding the Training program		↑				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Conduct Training Program for all Department heads and Elected Officials		↑				Town Administrator Department Heads Elected Officials

Action Step	Increase Capacity for Planning and Code Enforcement					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Meet with affected Department Heads, Boards and Committees to discuss needs						Town Administrator Department Heads Code Enforcement Boards
Request Departments to prepare proposed staffing plans and submit as FY 14 budget requests						Town Administrator
Evaluate proposed staffing plans						Town Administrator
Analyze all available funds and requests for funds for the FY 14 Town Budget						Town Administrator
Conduct detailed budget meetings to explore service needs and opportunities for the next fiscal year						Town Administrator Departments
Develop a proposed staffing plan or time frame to address planning and code enforcement needs						Town Administrator
Present the proposed staffing plan the Selectmen as part of the FY 14 budget						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Review the Budget Plan with the Board of Selectmen						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Review the Budget Plan with the Finance Committee						Town Administrator Finance Committee Board of Selectmen
Seek approval at Town Meeting and implement the staffing program						Town Administrator Town Meeting Board of Selectmen Finance Committee

Action Step	Organize Periodic and Regular Meetings with Dept. Heads					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Meet with Department heads to discuss new process for providing updates to the Selectmen						Town Administrator
Develop an Agenda Calendar for future meetings out at least six months in the future						Administrative Assistant Chair, Board of Selectmen
Establish a regular agenda item for Departmental Update Reports on the Selectmen's agenda						Chair, Board of Selectmen
Establish a schedule for upcoming meetings to feature specific departmental update reports						Administrative Assistant Chair, Board of Selectmen
Notify Department Heads of their scheduled update sessions						Administrative Assistant
Conduct Selectmen's Meetings with periodic and regular Departmental reports						Board of Selectmen

Action Step	Review the Organizational Chart for Consolidation to Improve Efficiency and Enhance Accountability for Town Departments, Boards and Committees					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Request the Personnel Board to work with the Town Administrator to review the Org. Chart						Board of Selectmen
Personnel Bd. Appoints a subcommittee for organizational chart review with Town Administrator						Personnel Board
Subcommittee prepares a chart and meets with selected Depts. To discuss possible consolidation						Town Administrator Personnel Board Department Heads
Budgets and steps are developed for proposed consolidation						Town Administrator Personnel Board Department Heads
Proposed consolidation plan is presented to the Board of Selectmen						Town Administrator Personnel Board Board of Selectmen
Selectmen analyze list of Boards and Committees to determine if any may be eliminated or combined						Board of Selectmen
Selectmen review costs and benefits of adopting a Town Charter for efficiency and accountability						Board of Selectmen
Organizational changes are adopted or declined						Board of Selectmen
Decision is reached on charter study						Board of Selectmen

Action Step	Encourage Community Policing					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Adopt Community Policing goal and priority						Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen adopts a resolution in support of community policing						Board of Selectmen
Schedule an update and report from the Chief of Police on Community Policing						Board of Selectmen Chief of Police
Request Chief of Police to develop a status report and implementation plan for Community Policing Philosophy and Initiatives						Board of Selectmen Chief of Police
Selectmen work with Town Administrator to develop goals for the Chief related to Community Policing focus						Board of Selectmen Town Administrator Chief of Police
Regular updates are scheduled to review community policing efforts and progress						Board of Selectmen Town Administrator Chief of Police

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*Increased Town Planning**Projects*

Develop a Six-Year Capital Improvement Program

Priority Level 1

Update Policies and Procedures for Governing

Priority Level 1

Study and Develop Plans for Utilities Management

Priority Level 2

Increase Local Capacity for Planning
i.e. Traffic, Housing, Economic Development
Historic Preservation, Land Use







Priority Level 2








Update the Master Plan

Priority Level 2







Advocate for Growth Center Status of
Central Business District in Martha's Vineyard
Commission Development of Regional Impact
Criteria










Priority Level 3

Action Step	Develop a Six-year Capital Improvement Program				Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Review and Study Methodologies for constructing a Capital Improvement Program (CIP)					Town Administrator
Develop Forms to gather detailed information for proposed projects					Town Administrator
Request Departments to review needs and submit capital requests for the next six years					Town Administrator Department Heads
Conduct Training Session with Departments RE: Project development, forms, etc..					Town Administrator Department Heads
Review Bylaw and Work with Selectmen to post Committee vacancies					Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Organize Committee and conduct meetings to review proposed needs					Town Administrator Capital Program Committee
Conduct Committee meetings with each submitting Dept. for detailed project review					Town Administrator Capital Program Committee Department Heads
Prepare a draft CIP for detailed Committee review					Town Administrator Capital Program Comm.
Prepare final CIP and conduct a public hearing to review					Town Administrator Capital Program Committee
Conduct an annual update of the CIP using each of the above steps					Town Administrator Capital Program Comm.

Action Step	Update Policies and Procedures For Governing					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Review and Study Distribute to Board Members and Review BOS Town Policies						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Work with Board to identify key areas for new policies or policy update						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Pull together a Policy review team for each policy to be written or updated						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Department Heads
Develop a draft policy for each selected topic for review with the Board						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Department Heads
Conduct a policy review session with the BOS for each proposed new or updated policy						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Make appropriate revisions to drafts based on Board review and input						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Place on Selectmen's agenda for policy adoption						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Selectmen adopt policy						Board of Selectmen
Policy Implementation						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen

Action Step	Study and Develop Plans for Utilities Management					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Selectmen schedule independent meetings with Wastewater and Water Commissioners						Board of Selectmen
Evaluate the need for a consultant to study utility operations						Board of Selectmen
Decision made to study Water, Wastewater or both utilities						Board of Selectmen
Steering Committee formed to study TMDLs and develop a long-term wastewater plan						Board of Selectmen
Funds allocated to perform operations review for structure						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Prepare a scope of work for operational analysis by a consultant and solicit quotes						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Appoint a Steering Committee to Work with the consultant						Board of Selectmen
Develop a report and recommendations for review with the Board of Selectmen						Steering Committee
Selectmen plan for appropriate implementation decisions						Board of Selectmen

Action Step	Increase Local Capacity for Planning					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Research grant opportunities around specific technical planning areas						Town Administrator
Prepare grant applications for technical assistance and for planning projects (i.e. parking mgt. study)						Town Administrator
Discuss specific areas of need with MV Commission to best target assistance						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Perform an analysis of the creation of a Town Planner position						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Determine cost and technical feasibility and if feasible set time frame						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
If position moves forward, consolidate coordination of all local planning and development activity.						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Prepare a detailed job description for the position						Town Administrator Personnel Department
Seek funding for the new position, including grant funding if available						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Advertise for position and conduct a detailed selection process						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Personnel Department
Implement start-up for new planning position						Town Administrator Board of Selectmen

Action Step	Initiate Master Plan Update			Responsible
	2013	2014	2015	
Task the Planning Board to develop Action Steps for updating the Master Plan				Board of Selectmen
Establish a Direction and Purpose for the Project through a workshop with the Planning Board				Board of Selectmen Planning Board
Collect plans for area communities to examine content and organization				Planning Board
Assemble pre-existing work/data to support the project				Planning Board
Involve the Martha's Vineyard Commission in planning the steps of the project and developing data to support the plan				Planning Board
Identify the resources required to complete the project; internal and external				Planning Board
Develop a budget and work plan for the plan update				Planning Board
Seek funding for any necessary consulting services				Planning Board
Stress community input and involvement in the process of updating the plan				Board of Selectmen Planning Board

Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan

Increase Civic Pride

Projects

Remember "Proud to Be From OB"

Priority Level 1

Action Step	Increase Civic Pride			Responsible
	2013	2014	2015	
Form a group to discuss the project				Board of Selectmen
Brainstorm ideas to increase civic pride, share information and solicit input				Working Group
Solicit ideas from the community				Working Group
Analyze ideas for implementation				Working Group
Plan and schedule implementation of ideas				Working Group
Develop and document any necessary policies and procedures to support the project				Working Group
Implement selected ideas				Board of Selectmen Working Group
Introduce and market to the community				Board of Selectmen Working Group
Evaluate and adjust				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen Working Group

Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan

Attention to Infrastructure

Projects

Examine All Public Safety Building Needs,
Including Location and Facilities; Evaluate
Potential to Unite into a Town Campus

Priority Level 1

Plan for Maintaining and Investing in
Infrastructure, Including Repairing Town
Buildings, Improving Roads and Streets,
Renovating Waterfront Sidewalks and
Railings.










Priority Level 1

Encourage and Support the Renovation of
Downtown Buildings

Priority Level 2

Restore Neighborhood Parks and Recreation
Areas and Restore Recreational Programs









Priority Level 2

Action Step	Examine All Public Safety Building Needs, Including Location and Facilities; Evaluate Town-Wide Campus			Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	
Work with Police, Fire and EMS Depts. To evaluate building conditions and document needs and deficiencies				Town Administrator Police Chief Fire Chief EMS Chief
Present Building Needs to Capital Program Committee and work to develop recommendations for study				Town Administrator Capital Program Committee
Request Town Meeting Funds for Architectural Feasibility Study				Town Administrator Capital Program Comm. Board of Selectmen
Conduct a Meeting with Selectmen to review study scope and deliverables				Town Administrator Board of Selectmen
Develop an RFP and initiate the designer selection process.				Town Administrator
Appoint a study committee to work with the designer To develop a program				Board of Selectmen
Conduct Interviews and Select a designer to complete the study				Town Administrator Study Committee
Work with the designer to complete the study including budget				Study Committee
Evaluate the costs of combined facilities and complete feasibility study for selected design alternative				Study Committee Board of Selectmen

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*Parking and Transportation Management**Projects*

Locate Areas for Off-site Parking and a Park and Ride Program and Pursue Funding	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Facilitate the Construction of the Roundabout At the Blinker Intersection for traffic Safety	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Create a Light-Industrial Parking Site	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Promote Better Traffic Flow and Provide Parking on Public Ways	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Promote Walking in the Town with Better Maps and Signage	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Create More Bicycle Lanes	<i>Priority Level 3</i>


















Action Step	Locate Areas for Off-Site Parking and a Park andRide Program and Pursue Funding			Responsible Party
	2013	2014	2015	
Review Town-Owned sites for possible off-site parking				Assessors
Research and apply for grants that provide funding to support parking management				Town Administrator
Outreach the Steamship Authority for a possible park and ride funding contribution				Board of Selectmen Town Administrator Steamship Authority
Meet with the MVRTA to discuss Vineyard Haven and Edgartown park and ride programs as well as previous Oak Bluffs initiatives that have failed				Selectmen Designee Town Administrator MVRTA
Work with the MVRTA and the Steamship Authority to design a new initiative park and ride program for Oak Bluffs				Board of Selectmen Town Administrator MVRTA Steamship Authority
Secure funding for a seasonal pilot program for the park and ride				Board of Selectmen Town Administrator
Implement the park and ride initiative and closely track ridership trends				Board of Selectmen Town Administrator MVRTA
Evaluate progress and review community response				Board of Selectmen Town Administrator









Fiscal Year 2013 Strategic Plan




Examine and Create Revenue Opportunities


Projects

Develop Harbor Fueling Facility	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Explore Renewable Energy and Conservation Initiatives, Including Proposals Through The Cape and Vineyard Electrical Cooperative	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Sell Certain Town-Owned Properties	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Investigate a PILOT Program for Tax Exempt Properties	<i>Priority Level 1</i>
Examine Ideas for Cost-Savings in Town Departments	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Organize Efforts to Pursue Grants and Other Governmental Funding	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Collect All Fees and Fines to Improve Finances	<i>Priority Level 2</i>
Regionalize Town Services Where Appropriate	<i>Priority Level 3</i>
Determine Additional Sources of Town Revenues	<i>Priority Level 3</i>

Action Step	Develop Harbor Fueling Facility					Responsible
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Identify/Appropriate Funding Source For Design						Town Administrator, Harbormaster and Harbor Commission Work Team
Issue RFP for Design Services						Work Team
Select Design Firm						Work Team
Complete Design						Work Team
Identify And Apply for All Necessary Permits						Work Team
Seek Installation Funding at Town Meeting						Board of Selectmen Work Team
Prepare and Issue Bid Documents for Installation						Work Team
Select Installation Firm and Issue Contract						Board of Selectmen Work Team
Complete Installation including modifications to Dock						Selected Contractor
Issue RFP and Select Fuel Provider						Work Team
Complete all Inspections and Signoffs						Designer Work Team
Provide Signage						Work Team
Develop Operating Policies and Procedures						Work Team
Train Employees						Harbormaster
Open and Operate Facility						Harbormaster
Identify and Conduct Regular Maintenance and Inspections						Harbormaster

Action Step	Explore Renewable Energy and Conservation Initiatives		Responsible Party
	2012	2013	
Advertise and Appoint an Energy Committee to establish energy conservation goals and to develop Strategies			Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant
Meet with Representatives of the Cape Light Compact to review opportunities for conservation initiatives			Energy Committee
Research Green Community status and develop steps and time frame for becoming a green community			Energy Committee
Actively work with Town Departments to communicate energy conservation goals and to develop initiatives			Energy Committee
Study energy consumption and identify trends and opportunities for conservation measures			Energy Committee
Work with Island communities to explore regional efforts to stimulate energy conservation			Energy Committee
Explore ground-based solar system for town property			Energy Committee Highway Department
Update the Board of Selectmen regarding goals and progress.			Energy Committee

Action Step	Sell Certain Surplus Town-Owned Parcels		Responsible Party
	2013	2014	2015
Task the Town Treasurer and Assessor with Conducting an Inventory of Town-Owned Parcels with recommendations of parcels that may be considered surplus			Town Administrator
Appoint a Technical Working Team to evaluate specific parcels that may be sold to return to the tax rolls			Town Administrator
Develop a short list of properties that may be recommended to the Selectmen for a property sale			Technical Work Team
Conduct a public Hearing to review properties proposed for sale			Board of Selectmen
Finalize any necessary title work and develop deeds for properties to be sold			Technical Work Team Counsel
Plan for property sale with decisions RE: sealed bid or public auction.			Technical Work Team
Plan all related details of property sale and deed transfer			Technical Work Team
Conduct sale of public property			Technical Work Team

Action Step	Investigate a PILOT Program for Tax-Exempt Properties			Responsible Party
	2013	2014	2015	
Conduct an inventory of developed tax exempt properties and institutions in the Town				Assessors
Conduct a check of the appropriateness of the tax exempt status for each identified property				Assessors
Develop a model to determine taxes lost as a result of tax exempt status as well as cost of services to tax exempt facilities				Assessors
Evaluate a user fee program for providing Town services to tax exempt properties				Assessors
Establish meetings with key tax exempt property owners to discuss options for the cost of providing municipal services				Assessors
Review potential funding strategies, including PILOT				Assessors
Research Pilot programs and agreements implemented in other Mass. communities.				Assessors
Attempt to negotiate PILOT agreements with selected property owners				Assessors
Evaluate progress and review community response				Assessors Board of Selectmen



Town of Oak Bluffs

Strategic Plan

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats and Trends Analysis

Combined Lists of All Selectmen

June 6, 2012

Strengths

- One of the original “planned communities” - beautiful beaches, parks, scenic vistas and unique Victorian architecture within walking distance of ferries, harbor, residential neighborhoods and town business district.
- Diverse multi-ethnic and multi-cultural seasonal and year round community
- Our established harbor and marina
- Sengekontacket and Lagoon Pond
- An established profitable business district
- An arts district, music and other cultural events
- Recreational and commercial shellfish and fishing
- More affordable homes than other communities on the Island
- An excellent school system
- The “gateway” to the Island for many (most ferry trips)
- Recent changes in staffing and management
- Experienced New Leadership – TA and BOS
- Excellent resort destination
- Safe, beautiful, profitable and well-managed harbor
- SSA port
- Good restaurants
- “wet” town (also a weakness)
- Excellent PD, FD and EMS
- Profitable EMS
- Beautiful Ocean Park and surrounding houses
- Excellent tax base, many 2nd homes
- Excellent Emergency Mgmt. Plan
- Beautiful new Library
- Many talented retirees who are helping on committees

- Location , Environment and Character: natural beauty (ocean, lagoons, and all that comes with being a small, charming and island seaside community including our harbors, lagoons, beaches, waterfront, parks.
- Historic design and significance (the Copeland Plan) and all things related. We are a small seaside resort community apart and separate from the mainland, relatively clean, and safe and very personal (as well as somewhat exclusive).
- Beaches
- Harbor
- Access to ferries
- Short walking distances around town
- Restaurants
- Largest port on the Island allows for large revenue stream and profit center for the Town and bringing tourists for the local economy to grow.
- All beaches are in walking distance from our residential neighborhoods.
- Greatest parking spaces within the downtown business district of all Island Towns
- Open park space within our downtown district
- New Steamship Authority terminal
- Strong school system

Weaknesses

- Aging population, infrastructure and equipment
- A large free cash deficit
- The need to invest in new infrastructure without current funding
- Reactive rather than proactive – our planning is lacking
- Incomplete and/or non-existent written policies and procedures
- Under staffed in certain areas
- Inconsistent and disorganized collection of fees and fines (being addressed)
- Poor financial condition of the Town, e.g. negative free cash
- “Wet” town
- Aging infrastructure
- Deteriorating shore line
- Seasonality
- Too many tax exempt orgs. In Town not paying taxes
- Difficulty of raising taxes
- Declining assessed values
- Too much traffic and no place to park in the summer
- Our uniqueness in many ways creates unique problems and needs separate and apart from the mainland.
- Ability to preserve our character while accommodating increasing crowds during summer season.
- Inherent problems involved with being a seasonal community

- Balancing growth and preservation of special and small town way of life and our communities
- Compromises in quality of our natural environment and beauty.
- Keeping up with aging infrastructure, minimal state funding for our schools and other benefits due to way State calculates.
- Infrastructure
- Harbor (jetties, northeast exposure)
- Financial footing
- Parking
- Lack of qualified dedicated residents to sit on committees and boards
- Not getting enough involvement from our young residents in relation to the Town's future and current every day Town government
- Many businesses within our district are self-profiting, not giving anything back to the Town in regards to involvement in community affairs, town government and planning. Many businesses within the business community strategically plan on how they can get around or take advantage of the Town's weak enforcement of local bylaws.
- The Town does not create a level playing field; Due to not enforcing bylaws equally.
- Lack of recreational activities within our parks and beaches. Ex. No lifeguards on our beaches and no summer parks programs for young children.
- Town Hall customer service; Create a more user-friendly Town Hall

Opportunities

- The analysis of all departments for possible efficiencies and improvements (in process)
- To adopt a fiscally conservative policy toward all expenditures
- Tourism – cruise ships, harbor, marina, beaches, etc.
- Maximize collection of fees and fines by establishing a comprehensive centralized database in conjunction with decentralized processes (manual and computerized) to support the consistent proactive collection of all fees and fines.
- To create more “complete streets” – pedestrian and bicycle safe streets throughout our residential and business districts
- Expansion of aquaculture
- Obtaining grants
- Use of solar to reduce expenses
- Regionalization of services
- Contracting for services
- Increase planning and integrate with residential and commercial development within existing zones
- Federal grants
- PILOT program

- Better utilization of open land
- Sell surplus land for more revenue
- Price elasticity of moorings, slips
- Regionalization (long shot!)
- Low interest rates for low cost debt
- State and Federal Grants
- Commission planning and grants
- Population with expertise in many areas
- Capitalize on the fact that we have at least 6 boat lines bringing thousands of tourists to Oak Bluffs ports
- Regionalization of Town services, ex. Police, Fire, Ambulance, Rubbish, Animal Control
- Recreational opportunities; Creating more use of our parks and beaches; Greater utilization of our beautiful beaches and parks with more summer programs for our young citizens and summer residents; Maybe increasing our parks and recreation department

Threats

- The challenging economy affecting state and federal funding and tourism dollars
- Crumbling infrastructure
- Environmental pollution
- Lack of current planning
- The free cash deficit
- Increasing population adding to the school population
- Weakening economy
- Bad weather
- Declining state funding, reimbursement
- Taxpayer resistance to change, higher taxes
- Management constrained by union contracts, pension and health benefit costs
- Unfunded liabilities
- Failure to preserve our environment and small town way of life
- Economy
- Losing our children after graduation (educate 'em then lose 'em)
- Real estate costs
- Quality of water resources both salt and fresh.
- Restrictive language or bylaws; Too many restrictions in regards to Conservation, Historic Districts, etc... that prevent people from improving their properties or investing in our Town

- Over-policing creating a military-style police force. Create a much friendlier, reaching out, Ambassador-type policing; Police force does not reach out to the community.
- Poor Roads and infrastructure pushing potential people from investing in our Town, whether buying a home or investing in a business.
- No economic development plan-creating continued turnover within our business district. A business that opens only one or two years is not contributing or giving back to the community and in fact only takes away
The ability of established businesses to contribute or give back.

Trends

- Families staying closer to home for vacation
- More day trippers? (don't know for sure but it appears that way)
- Wi-Fi – in order to compete, people want all the conveniences
- Green communities – solar – green building – locally grown produce
- Active recreational lifestyles
- Baby Boomers seeking active retirement options
- Rising retiree population
- Lower state aid
- More government regulation
- Decreased quality of our natural environment
- Lack of proper infrastructure for increased traffic and crowds
- Need to address environment.
- Loss of median and low income housing
- Aging population
- Traffic
- Space
- Global warming
- Rising tax and municipal service rates and fees forcing out our citizens or preventing others from investing in our Town

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Telephone Numbers

All offices in **Town Hall** can be accessed by dialing **508-693-3554**, the operator will list the extensions by Department and individual name.

The offices outside Town Hall are as follows:

Ambulance	508-693-5380
Animal Control	508-693-0857
Fire Department	508-693-0077
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Council on Aging	508-693-4509
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